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DOD working to ensure enough labor for Tinian divert projects

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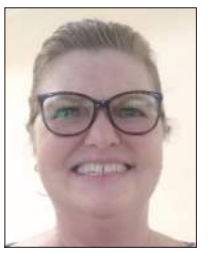
REPORTER

TINIAN—To head off the lack of workers for shovel-ready projects on Tinian, the U.S. Department of Defense is right now working with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to secure labor ability for all the construction work that is going to happen at the Tinian airport and seaport.

Without elaborating on the specifics, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Allison R. Sands, who was on Tinian last week to sign a 40-year lease agreement with the Commonwealth Ports Authority for the U.S. Air Force's divert airfield, said they are working with DHS to find ways to ensure there will be enough workers.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NEW 4-YEAR DEGREE AT NMC
As Gov. Ralph DLG Torres looks on, interim Northern Marianas College president Frankie Eliptico signs a memorandum of agreement with University of Guam president Thomas Krise yesterday to enable the CNMI college to offer a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.
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Revenue collection up 3 pct.

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Revenue collection for the second quarter of the current fiscal year saw a slight uptick of 3 percent, according to Finance Secretary David Atalig, who told Gov. Ralph DLG Torres that the information is based on the second quarter revenue report for fiscal year 2019.

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FEMA aid still available for those who need help

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Fourth part of a series

Recovery assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is still available to those affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

FEMA's external affairs representatives Todd Hoose and Veronica Roberts said that several individual assistance programs are available for both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens alike.

Assistance programs for U.S. citizens include:

■ Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program, or CCP, which assists individuals still recovering from the

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What to do on Mother's Day

Show your mother more than just love this Sunday. Here are some ideas.

Restaurant Tropicana at **Grand Vrio Resort** in Garapan will have a Mother's Day Brunch from 11am to 2pm at $35 for adults and $18 for children. Mother's Day dinner buffet awaits the whole family for only $40 adults (local price available). For reservation or inquiry, call (670) 237-2527 or email food.beverage@grandvrio-saipan.com

Visit any **McDonald's** branch (Garapan Express and Chalan Pala Arnold Road) on May 12 to celebrate Mother's Day and enjoy a 100-percent discount off total purchase. Promo redeemable on May 12, applicable to in-store pur-

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NMC now offers bachelor's in criminal justice

The Northern Marianas College and University of Guam inked a memorandum of agreement yesterday that would enable the CNMI college to offer a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

The MOA was signed at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill, with interim NMC president Frankie Eliptico, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and UOG president Thomas Krise signing the document.

That means NMC can now offer a bachelor's degree program in criminal justice. Before that, NMC only offered an associate degree for the course. Incidentally, that degree program has the highest student population at the college.

Krise explained that the agreement allows students to take up the course at NMC for three years and then one more year at UOG to get the bachelor's degree.

Eliptico later noted that UOG would be sending some of its faculty to NMC so that students may not have to leave the island to get the bachelor's degree.

"This is the first of many partnerships that we will be having with UOG in terms of diversifying and broadening the types of programs that we have at the college for all the workforce needs we have here in the CNMI," he said.

"We are really looking forward to introducing other programs such as this that touches on other areas needed on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian," adding that the college would like to have a focus on business administration, and management, among others.

"This should help CNMI students because you can finish a bachelor's degree without having to leave," Krise said. "We…hope this is a model for future collaborations." ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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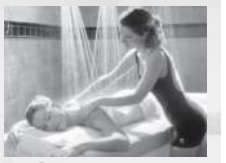

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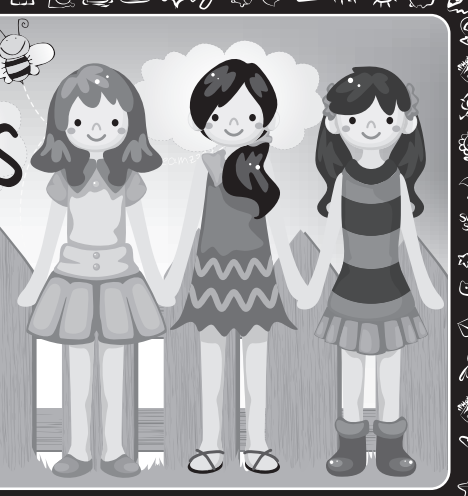

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Berline withdraws bid to summon ex-prosecutor

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Since the second jury trial for the rape case he previously handled has been dismissed with prejudice, Bruce Berline has withdrawn his bid to summon the case's previous prosecutor, Teri Tenorio.

Berline

Berline, who informed the court two weeks ago that he would like to issue a summons for Tenorio as part of his motion for sanctions, told *Saipan Tribune* through email that he has since withdrawn that motion.

"There is no need for a summons. What needed to happen was for me to serve Tenorio with the motion so that she had notice of it and had an opportunity to respond. But given that there was no second trial, the sanctions motion is probably moot and so I withdrew it," he said.

The case Berline was referring to was the rape case against Manolo Romolor.

The case against Romolor that went on for over two years was dismissed with prejudice last week because the alleged victim in the case had no plans to return to the CNMI for the trial. That means the case cannot be re-filed.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Tenorio left the island over a month ago after her contract with the Office of the Attorney General expired.

Berline previously asked the court to sanction Tenorio; he alleged prosecutorial misconduct. He told the court that the amount of time spent preparing and defending his client for a jury trial that ended in a mistrial last February led to the loss of over $1,000 in his fees.

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the fact that there is a demand on labor," Sands said.

She pointed out that, with the signing of the lease accord last week, there is a $400 million worth of construction that is going to happen at the island's airport and seaport to prepare for the divert activity.

The 40-year lease agreement itself for the U.S. Air Force's divert airfield is worth $21.9 million.

Sands did not elaborate on where and how they would get enough workers for such big construction works on Tinian but one of those projects is a fuel pipeline that would run from the seaport to the airport.

Sands said the pipeline would help commercial planes have access to fuel at the Tinian airport, which they don't have today.

The lease deal will allow the Air Force to use Tinian as an alternative landing site for its planes—divert airfield—in case Andersen Air Force Base in Guam is inaccessible due to war or calamities.

The divert airfield project is expected to spur economic activities on the island as it will directly benefit the people of the island through infrastructure improvement of the airport and seaport, public roads, and community facilities.

Sands was among the signatories of the divert airfield lease agreement.

Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan earlier stated that the impact to the island's economy will be huge during the construction period of the divert airfield and its related projects.

FEMA

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trauma of the typhoon through "community-based outreach and psycho-educational services."

■ Disaster Unemployment Assistance, or DUA, provides individuals reimbursement if they could not work due to the aftermath of the typhoon.

■ Disaster Legal Services, or DLS, gives individuals an attorney to help resolve land ownership conflicts to legally prove that they own land for disaster assistance eligibility.

■ Disaster Case Management, or DCM, allows an individual to talk to a FEMA representative to develop a "disaster recovery plan," which is designed to fit the individual's specific needs.

■ The most important program is the Individuals and Households Program, or IHP, because it "provides financial and direct assistance or both to eligible disaster survivors." IHP reimburses individuals based on their housing and personal needs to help them start their road to recovery. Reimbursement will be received 2-3 weeks after proper documentation has been approved.

More than $36 million have been allocated for individual assistance in the CNMI.

FEMA has also approved the implementation of the Voluntary Agencies Leading and Organizing Repair program, or VALOR program, and the Permanent Housing Construction program, or PHC program, in the CNMI.

Because FEMA cannot directly help people that are not U.S. citizens, the VALOR program pays for off-island non-profit voluntary agencies such as the Mennonite Disaster Service and the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief to perform minor repairs to damaged houses of non-U.S. citizens. People that are renting damaged houses and have not received any financial or housing assistance may be eligible for the program.

The VALOR program is "not intended to return homes to their pre-disaster condition," but return the homes to a healthy and safe living space. Some repairs include roof replacement and electrical and plumbing repairs. Thirty-seven roofs have already been rebuilt in damaged houses. All materials and supplies for repairs were paid by FEMA.

This program will continue in the CNMI for at least another year. The VALOR program has only been implemented thrice in FEMA history.

The PHC program is separated into two divisions: the new program and the repair program. This program allows FEMA to fly in contractors that will rebuild damaged houses of U.S. citizens. The new program will completely build new, concrete houses, while the repair program will repair houses that were not totally destroyed.

Currently, 373 homes in the CNMI have been approved for the new program and about 400 homes have been approved for the repair program. These households have already been identified by FEMA.

The first 40 repair homes will start construction by June and the first 40 new homes will start by July. Contractors will arrive in the CNMI by May 13 to start individual assessment of the first 40 repair homes. After the first two months, 20 homes will start construction each month until all homes have been fully built.

The PHC program requires that the people must temporarily move to a new place while the repairs are being done. The CNMI government is still planning how to aid these people for temporary housing.

People that are still waiting for FEMA assistance are those that were interested in the PHC program. If you are not part of the PHC program, it takes two to three weeks to receive financial assistance.

FEMA cannot help individuals if they do not contact the agency about any problems or inquiries. If you are interested in any individual assistance programs or have not received financial assistance, contact FEMA at 800-621-3362. If you are interested in the VALOR program, email cnmi-valor@fema.dhs.gov.

ERRATUM

A *Saipan Tribune* article titled "Torres' Cabinet now complete," which came out on May 6, was in error, due largely to miscommunication. Only eight of the 10 members of the Cabinet have been confirmed. The appointment of Clyde Norita, who is the acting Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services commissioner, is awaiting confirmation, while Gov. Ralph DLG Torres withdrew the re-appointment of Vincent Attao as Corrections chief. We regret the mistake.

REVENUE

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Atalig said the administration remains optimistic about the CNMI economy's prospects for the rest of the year, with the CNMI continuing to show signs of recovery based on improved overall collections from the first quarter of the same period last year.

Money from the CNMI's federal partners like the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements would also trickle in.

"Taking this into consideration, we anticipate increasing trends in gross revenue tax, corporate income tax, and excise taxes as the infusion of monetary aid from our federal partners in the form of private loans and subsistence programs will be realized in the coming months," Atalig told Torres.

"Nevertheless, we conservatively forecast for the remainder of the year a collection rate of 50 percent rather than the 58 percent needed to maintain the budget. We recommend that further adjustments to our 2019 financial resources be reduced by an additional $17.9 million."

Atalig's report of an additional reduction increases the budget shortfall to $29.9 million—a total reduction of 11.6 percent. The administration's original estimated revenues for fiscal year 2019 was $258 million but this would go down to $228 million after the $29 million total adjustment/reduction for the first two quarters of the fiscal year. The government's revised budget authority is $141 million.

Atalig said the second quarter report showed $150 million in revenue collections for the current fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30.

"The Commonwealth shows signs of recovery as there is a slight increase from the previous quarter of just over 3 percent or $2 million," he added.

However, business gross revenue tax collections fell short of the second quarter projections. "If this trend continues, we can expect an $8.3 million reduction in resources."

"It is critical to note that this projection does not include the BGRT collections from the exclusive gaming license. Wage and salary taxes shows no signs of variance from projections, with collections at $21 [million] for the first half of the year."

Atalig said income tax (Northern Marianas Territorial Income Tax) remains on track of their projections with $1.26 million already collected, making it one of the positive signs in the government's revenue collections but corporate income taxes are short.

"Corporate income taxes are showing signs of significant weakness, with only $2.2 [million] collected, leaving a shortfall of $4.6 million for the first six months of the year. If this trend continues, we can expect a $9 million reduction in resources."

Excise taxes also remain a good source of revenues for the Commonwealth, with $20 million being collected as collections improved from the same period in the last fiscal year. Taxes on beer, beverages, and cigarette products helped the projections remain on target.

Hotel occupancy tax collections improved, which helped ease the decreasing trend in other miscellaneous commodities that could have a projected loss of $10.4 million if things don't change in the coming months. HOT collections are at $7,767,498.

Atalig said they anticipate HOT collections to improve in the coming months where they need to adjust their earlier projections. Licenses and fees from poker and e-gaming also remain strong, but there are indicators that other fees would have slow growth where they are looking at a projected revenue reduction of $2.5 million.

"Conversely, other revenue sources such as business privilege fee and lottery commission revenues remain strong, and if this trend continues, we can expect $2 million above earlier projections," said Atalig, who added that the CNMI continues to show signs of recovery .

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Relief distribution tomorrow

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The Office of the Governor will be distributing relief goods this Saturday and is inviting the community to avail of them.

In a statement from the Office of the Governor, the administration is inviting the community to go to the Koblerville Youth Center at 9am to take part in the relief distribution that is funded through the Office of Insular Affairs.

Items that will be distributed include personal care products, butane stove packages, rice package, 50-gallon barrels, and more.

The distribution will be conducted in a drive-through format and will not accept any walk-ins.

Each vehicle is entitled to one package and does not matter how many families are in the vehicle. It is also a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Office of the Governor will partner with agencies like Office of the Lt. Governor, Women's Affairs Office, Youth Affairs Office, Indigenous Affairs Office, Office of Grants Management, the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, and I Love Saipan to make the distribution possible.

‘Ice could have slipped through to Tinian after the typhoon’

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TINIAN—The shipment of loads and loads of donations from different parts of the world would have been an opportunity for “ice” shipments to have slipped through to Tinian after Super Typhoon Yutu’s devastation last October.

That was one of the biggest concerns of Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan in the aftermath of Yutu, saying the entry of so many donations created an “open gate, a gap” in the efforts to combat “ice” trafficking.

“Remember, where everybody was throwing in some relief goods, and that was my concern,” he said in an interview last weekend.

He is happy, however, that Saipan Customs is now on Tinian, doing enforcement routines by bringing out their trained K-9 dogs and searching all the airlines, airport, and seaport.

He said he asked for that specialized K-9 Unit to be implemented on the island. Even when he was still at the Legislature, he told Customs that the island needs K-9 dogs to detect and intercept methamphetamine shipments.

Aldan, who used to serve as a police officer on the island for 17 years, said he is aware that Tinian also has its share of the “ice” scourge.

To address the problem, he underscored the island’s need of help from the other departments on Saipan to bring equipment that can easily detect, deter the illegal drugs, and apprehend the “ice” dealers in the community.

“I am a strong believer [in] zero tolerance [for illegal drugs],” Aldan said, adding that people should report those involved in illegal drugs to law enforcers.

In November 2015, then-Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas and then-Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero disclosed that meth had been flooding the streets of Tinian.

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From May 6 up to today, May 10, teachers and educators will be able to redeem a free small hot coffee from 5:30am to 10am at McDonald's Middle Road and from 6:30am to 10am at McDonald's in Garapan (no purchase necessary). "The purpose of launching this promotion was to express our gratitude to all of our teachers and educators. They play a key role in educating and inspiring our kids to learn, grow and give back to their community. What most people don't see are all the personal sacrifices that teachers and educators make to keep classes ongoing, especially during difficult times (due to natural disasters or financial difficulties)," said Mable A. Glenn of McDonald's of Saipan.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Le'ah Murphy, a fifth-grade teacher for Koblerville Elementary School, poses with staff of McDonald's.

Marcia Ayuyu, owner/operator of McDonald's of Saipan, added that this is their way of showing teachers "that we appreciate their hard work in the classroom. To teachers in the CNMI, we appreciate all that you do. This program is a way of saying 'thank you.'"

During the week, teachers from around the island have expressed their gratitude to McDonald's for the thoughtful recognition.

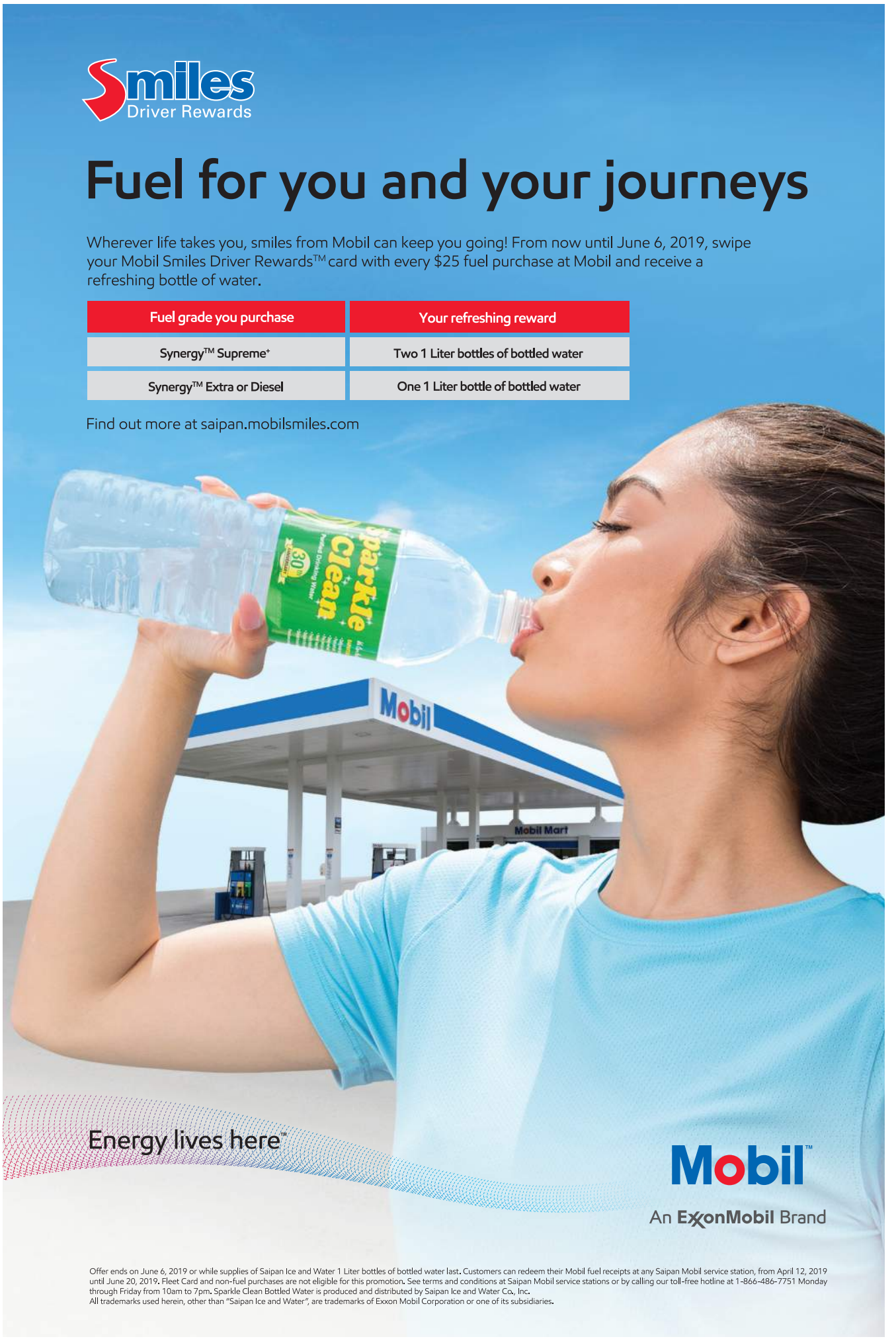
Le'ah Murphy, a fifth-grade teacher for Koblerville Elementary School, said that mornings are tough for educators. "We know we have so much to do and we have so much on our minds because of the students we serve. McDonald's made it easier this week with one less thing to think of, a cup of coffee for free," she said. "I'm thrilled they are just as thankful for us serving our community and for showing it in their excellent service! The cup and smiles made my day and encouraged me to do my best all over again today."

Murphy is also an ed-tech teacher, member of the PSS Aspiring Leaders Cohort 2 and a member of the Pacific Century Fellows Class of 2019.

Karen Echon Camacho, a teacher at Saipan Southern High School and an NHS adviser, said: "No matter what [McDonald's] provides, from painting and maintaining bus stops to giving away free coffee, we are thankful to them. That's why I'd like to say, 'Thank you, McDonald's' for always supporting our students, teachers, and educators!"

Barbara K. Merfalen, who is vice principal at Mount Carmel School said that recognizing teachers' dedication to teaching and learning "is noticed and appreciated."

Reflecting on the McDonald's promotion, Saipan Southern High School teacher Arisa Sakai said that "it takes a village and a community to raise a child. It takes a dedicated company like McDonald's to help our students with scholarships, beautification projects and support for educators. Thank you, McDonald's, for an amazing treat!" ***(PR)***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EDITORIAL

Extinction of plant and animal species threatens humans, too

The headlines were ominous:

As many as 1 million plant and animal species are at risk of extinction, many within a few decades.

But the finding, while shocking, is not alarmist. The new UN report is based on exhaustive research from hundreds of experts and thousands of scientific studies. It's the most comprehensive look ever at Earth's shrinking biodiversity.

And it shows beyond doubt that this matters vitally, to all of us.

The report catalogs epic destruction, mostly at the hands of us 7 billion humans. We farm, mine, log, fish, poach, pollute, reduce natural habitats, spread invasive species and exacerbate climate change. We have significantly altered three-quarters of Earth's land and two-thirds of its oceans, and 85 percent of our wetlands are gone. Our appetite is insatiable. We've fished 60 percent of marine species to near-collapse. The UN says flatly our harvest of crops, fish and minerals is not sustainable. The average abundance of native species has declined by more than 20 percent.

We work to preserve iconic species like elephants, by banning the sale of ivory. But the greater danger is the threat to ecosystems around the world that are essential to the survival of the people living in them.

As the Amazon rainforest shrinks from expanded cattle ranching and agriculture, so does its capacity to absorb carbon dioxide and slow global warming. As coral reefs die, tourism and fisheries in Australia and the Caribbean are harmed. Vanishing wetlands no longer purify water or protect from storms. Fewer exotic tropical plants mean fewer medicines made from them. Declines in bees and other pollinators put hundreds of billions of dollars of crops at risk. Mosquitoes and other insect pests expand their range as temperatures warm, bringing new diseases that harm plants and people.

Indigenous people and local communities, intimately tied to the land, are better managers of it than corporations or national governments, the UN says. But the powers are in control and must learn from these stewards how better to respect our precious resources. Because barring what the report calls transformative change, the negative trends will continue.

We are capable of change. Governments have helped species like the bald eagle and Arabian oryx recover. They can strengthen environmental protections, enforce laws against poaching, set quotas on fishing, pass legislation to reduce trafficking of endangered species, and cooperate to reduce global warming. Farmers and ranchers can learn new ways to produce more on less land and adopt best practices on water management, soil erosion and pollution runoff.

There's a lot each of us can do, too, beyond educating ourselves and donating to groups fighting extinction. Consume less, waste less food, reduce water use, eat less beef, don't use pesticides, grow native plants, limit plastic purchases, recycle, buy sustainable products, turn off lights.

More than a half-million land species of the world's estimated 8 million overall lack the natural habitat needed for their long-term survival. Make no mistake, our fate is tied to theirs. We have to get this right, because our future is also on the line.

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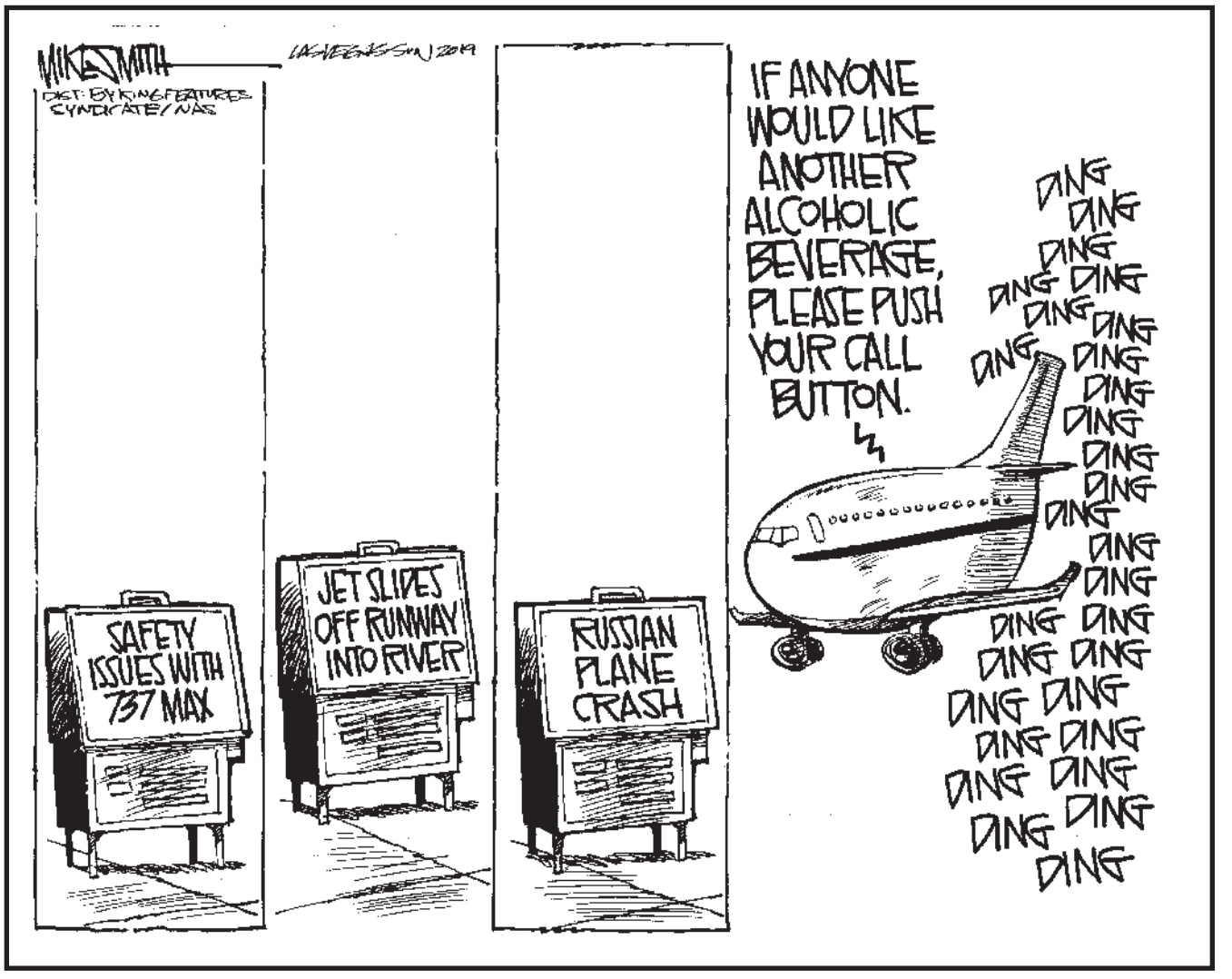
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The UN says a million species could disappear. Pacific islands have a solution

Editor's Note: This piece was originally published by Grist.org.

By CARLOTTA LEON GUERRERO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Carlotta Leon Guerrero is a former senator in Guam.

Last week, a global scientific assessment found the business-as-usual approach to conservation is not delivering the critical action needed to safeguard the future health of our planet. Over the last 30 years, a growing global population has doubled the demand on our planet's resources, according to the report, which was released by the United Nations, and nature just can't keep up: As many as 1 million species are threatened with extinction in the coming decades.

This is a threat well understood by the people of my island, the small Pacific territory of Guam. In the last few decades alone, development and invasives have led to the extinction of the Guam flying fox and several species of bird found nowhere else in the world. These were animals critical to our forest ecosystems and important to our indigenous culture, lost forever.

But all is not lost. The report identified several pathways for change, including the need to expand the current network of protected areas, both on land and in the ocean, which are critically important in the context of a changing climate. The International Union for Conservation of Nature estimates that we'll need to protect at least 30 percent of every coastal and marine habitat by 2030 if we're serious about conserving the natural systems that underpin our quality of life.

That may sound daunting, but we have an example to follow—one that is gaining momentum across the Pacific.

The Pacific Ocean is the largest habitat on the planet, greater in size than the combined landmass of every single continent. Along the edges of this far-reaching marine ecosystem lie some of the largest cities on Earth—and dotted across its great expanse are thousands of islands, small and large. These islands are populated by the descendants of the great voyagers who traversed these waters in wooden canoes, powered by nothing more than the wind in their woven sails and the knowledge passed down through chants and songs.

Pacific Islanders have known for centuries that protecting parts of the ocean brings benefits to people and nature. For generations, we have set aside areas where fishing is not allowed, resulting in more fish, bigger fish, and greater biodiversity. It is considered the world's oldest form of fisheries management.

But now our ocean is changing. Sea levels are rising, warmer waters and changing ocean chemistry are altering the intricate balance of our natural ecosystems, and plastic waste is polluting the ocean from the seabed to our coastlines. These impacts are intensified when combined with overfishing; in much of the ocean, we are removing fish faster than they are biologically able to replenish. This is particularly true of vulnerable species such as sharks.

In response, Pacific leaders have acted with the same boldness that inspired our ancestors to cross the ocean. We have taken their ancestral knowledge and expanded upon it, designating vast ocean sanctuaries, which support healthy marine ecosystems and abundant fish populations, while ensuring the well-being of coastal communities.

In total, more than a dozen Pacific countries and territories have committed to designating and implementing strong ocean sanctuaries that restrict all commercial fishing. These actions bolster marine biodiversity, improve neighboring fisheries, and help ocean flora and fauna better withstand the impacts of the changing climate and overfishing.

The greatest biological outcomes come from fully protected areas where all forms of fishing are restricted, like in the Palau National Marine Sanctuary, which comprises 80 percent of Palau's national waters. There are also benefits to restricting the most damaging forms of fishing, like on the other side of the ocean in Chile, where the Rapa Nui people recently agreed to restrict industrial fishing in the entirety of their biologically unique waters, and only allow traditional artisanal fishing.

At the same time, a group of Island Voices ambassadors has formed, coming from Palau, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, and Rapa Nui. The group includes artists, educators, fish-

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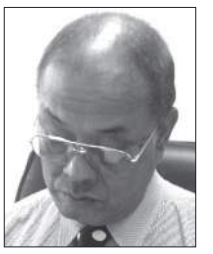
The 40-plus journey

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Mind boggling that, after more than 40 years, nearly 15,000 employees here are still earning poverty-level wages and salaries. Weren't there unprecedented growth and development at about the same time that should have lifted all incomes simultaneously?

The issue isn't the result of political negligence here. Even the U.S. Congress finds it difficult addressing the same concerns, thus it consistently skipped it.

It pertains to opportunities when growth occurs, triggering more income and jobs. But where did they go? How come it seems to have been hidden somewhere? Are we ashamed sharing our success?

Yes, Nippon investments have exited—an issue we seem to have taken lightly in seeming arrogance and ignorance. Is it really a non-issue when the economic contraction is larger than meets the eye? Whatever happened to depth of vision and commitment on investments? Is the CNMI overflowing with excess cash it could afford ignoring recently exited Nippon investments?

It seems apparent that missing the boat on this and other issues is really rooted in the lack of "depth of vision" and pride among the elected elite to see the essence of issues, including an improved economy. If they missed the boat, where then is all the talk about leadership gone?

Beyond our mini-tourism industry, what other sizeable investments have descended other than disoriented politicians on Da Hills of Saipan?

Wish I could embrace optimism for more opportunities in economic expansion but with the exit of Nippon investments, what else is left? It's a huge loss policymakers must have missed while staring at the unfolding monstrosity. Are you wary of its accompanying economic contraction to our demise or "not yet, already?"

With fading optimism, I'd rest my case for now as the new thematic word "cut" increases decibels all over this fiscally troubled paradise.

Implications: There's the strange intuition that investments have gone south to some distant land. It means we would have to make do with whatever is left of investments here.

Nippon investment exiting is enough to drain every ounce of hope that we would make it somewhere in the near term. It's bad tidings all the way around that fast tracks economic downturn quicker than meets nimble local eyes.

It cuts jobs and wealth creation where at day's end we ask ourselves in arrogant ignorance, what went wrong? Well, you ruined it with your shallow sense of perception so you must have the perfect answer on this score too!

The only lasting answer is in the development of a healthy economy. Is this an issue you're familiar with at least halfway decent so you could begin realistic discussions? Or do we submit to "not yet, already" until we could step in to show you how things are done under fully thought-out set of plans?

Concept: When wealth and jobs creation are ruined, it instantly translates into far less revenue and meaningful jobs for the islands. This condition shuts off opportunities for families to begin planning for such obligation as putting a roof over their heads, food, and clothing, among other daily needs. But it's a clear case of negligence treated conveniently as just another seasonal flu by politicos here.

This shows the missing equation in "depth of vision" and commitment among the elected elite to do things right. Or are they even capable of discerning fiduciary duty? But there's also "we the people" to blame for the apparent pile of dirt we've hurled against ourselves, true? *Dios mihu*!

Understood that most policymakers aren't necessarily poised with the requisite credentials to dispose of larger issues like the economy. Equally true is the open opportunity to seek professional assistance to put the issue into perspective. Has this initial step been taken or "not yet, already?"

Costly: While it is fitting advocating better pay for employees, it is equally understood that it takes a lot of money to go over this hurdle. It's a tough issue even conveniently avoided at the national level.

For instance, we have about 15,000 employees in this category. To raise salaries so they move out of poverty income levels requires at least $650 million per year. The NMI doesn't have the money or the source to cover it.

This makes it a real challenge for anyone in elected office. If you will, federal poverty income guideline is between $15K and $42K per year. Imagine, more than half the workforce earning poverty income that prohibits their meeting basic family needs. Like I said, this is your real challenge!

A Tongue Mightier Than a Sword

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and has been named a poet laureate of Tinian. He has taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.

Happy Mother's Day to mothers everywhere. This sonnet is dedicated to my hardworking wife. Her first name, Jianhua, means "strong foundation" in Putonghua (formerly Mandarin).

"Mightier than the sword thou art,
Thou can'st pierce like venomed dart,
Time and space count naught with thee,
Leagues of land or leagues of sea."
—an excerpt from The Pen *by Mary Weston Fordham, an African-American poet, born 1862.*

Many people often lament that life's a bitch
at least that's one of the ways they portray it
you find ways to give that a positive switch
then I don't really mind having to hear it
Somehow some days in some ways it
seems when you make a similar complaint
about what reality should be, is, and ain't
online or when we're talking on a cell phone
joking when speaking to or about our adult son
about work, your feet, me putting on weight
then you quickly turn the conversation towards
talk of some new thing you saw that was great
I want to hear more of what you have in store
living with you life never was and never is a bore.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What is 'persona non grata' and is it really a bad thing?

What does Elizabeth Drumwright, Ron Hodges, Saipan Development LLC, and Zaji Zajradhara have in common?

They have all been designated *persona non grata* by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government, and for what?

First, before I go on, I must clarify: Zaji Zajradhara is my children's father and my baby daddy. I wanted to write this letter because, after being with Zaji, I now understood his position on the issues at hand.

What is *persona non grata*? What I have learned from research is that it basically means "person not appreciated." It can be used in two ways.

1. A member of a diplomatic mission who violates the law of the host nation cannot be prosecuted or held accountable due to his or her diplomatic status. The host nation can use a declaration of *persona non grata* to demonstrate its displeasure over the individual's activities.

2. The term can be applied to any situation in which someone is rejected by a group from whom the person obtained or sought acceptance. (This one is definitely not my baby daddy, because all he wants is to feed his family, pay his bills and live his life)

As I was saying, Zaji isn't the first and I am sure how the CNMI government forgets about "we the people" that he will be the last *persona non grata* in the CNMI.

I don't know this for sure but what I can find on Google (I think) is that the first mainlander declared so was Ms. Elizabeth Drumwright, during the 1990s, who wrote about the corruption within the CNMI government, the labor abuses and general Wild West attitude of the CNMI at that time; and Mr. Ron Hodges, who still lives in the CNMI and wrote a running series of letters to the editor from 2008 until 2011 that he titled "Chamberonomics" that supported the U.S. takeover of the CNMI labor and immigration and, as some still say, made President Bush sign the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 into law, thus federalizing CNMI labor and immigration.

My reason for writing this letter is because I talked to some *man'amko* who has said to me that what my "husband" is doing is the right thing. So I want to talk about that.

Many of us know people in our families who have been denied jobs for things that we can do, but many of us do not know the laws and our rights in order to sue companies to hire us, even when we know that the company has done wrong; plus, many of us don't want our friends and family saying to us that ,"We are making problems with our family name." So, we take no action and the foreign company hires another foreign worker and then they call us lazy, stupid, or whatever. Zaji is not like that. He is from the U.S. mainland and people in the U.S. will fight for their rights if they feel that they are right.

Some of you will say, "Why does he sue everybody?"

We have many black American friends that call, stop by, or with whom we hang out with, so let me tell you that Zaji is not the only black American guy on this island who is having problems with finding a job or who has had problems with employers. Everybody wants to forget that he is an American citizen and a former militaryman, that the Northern Mariana Islands U.S Workforce Act of 2018 says "qualified" U.S citizens have preference in hiring. That means, that employers cannot hire or renew CW-1 employees just because they like them more than locals, indigenous Micronesian or mainland American citizens.

Let me ask you: What would you do if you apply for many jobs and no one calls you for interviews? We have children and Zaji takes his role as a provider for his family seriously. He will do whatever it takes to make sure that our baby daughter and our coming newborn have what they need and, if that means that he has to sue a company in order for us to eat, pay our bills and keep a roof over our heads, then thank him for doing that instead of selling drugs or committing crimes. He has the constitutional right to protect himself against a violation of his civil rights and his right to live in peace and to have a job.

He is an American citizen and I am a citizen of the CNMI and the Federated States of Micronesia and we, our children, and our future comes first. Not imported workers.

The CNMI government does not want the federal government to notice what is going on here in the CNMI and Zaji is not afraid to give them a call or send them an email of what is happening here.

I just want all of you who have done nothing to bring about equality, fairness and good living to all American citizens here in the CNMI to think about what you are saying about my children's father because, for our family, he is only doing what it takes to survive against all odds.

Jasmine Taman
China Town, Saipan

SPECIES

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ers, former government officials, and traditional voyagers, who are committed to protecting the unique identity of the Pacific and its islands and are working together to link traditional values with modern decision-making.

It's a start, but if we are going to save the rich ecological abundance of the Pacific for future generations, we will have to think even bigger, working toward protecting 30 percent of the Pacific. Today, just under 5 percent of the ocean is designated within the confines of a marine protected area, and only about half of that area is fully or strongly protected, ensuring the strongest benefits to people and nature. Much of this real estate stretches across the Pacific.

We have reached the point in human history where we can impact every inch of the ocean and at every depth. In the next decade we need to ramp up the area of ocean we protect, but we must also address sustainable fishing and environmental justice in the places where we allow fishing. And this will all be for nothing if we do not reduce carbon emissions and other forms of pollution—especially plastic.

It's daunting, yes, but it's possible: Just look at the example that has been set by the leaders in the Pacific, where a constellation of small Island nations is leading the way toward a healthy and resilient ocean for our generations to come.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
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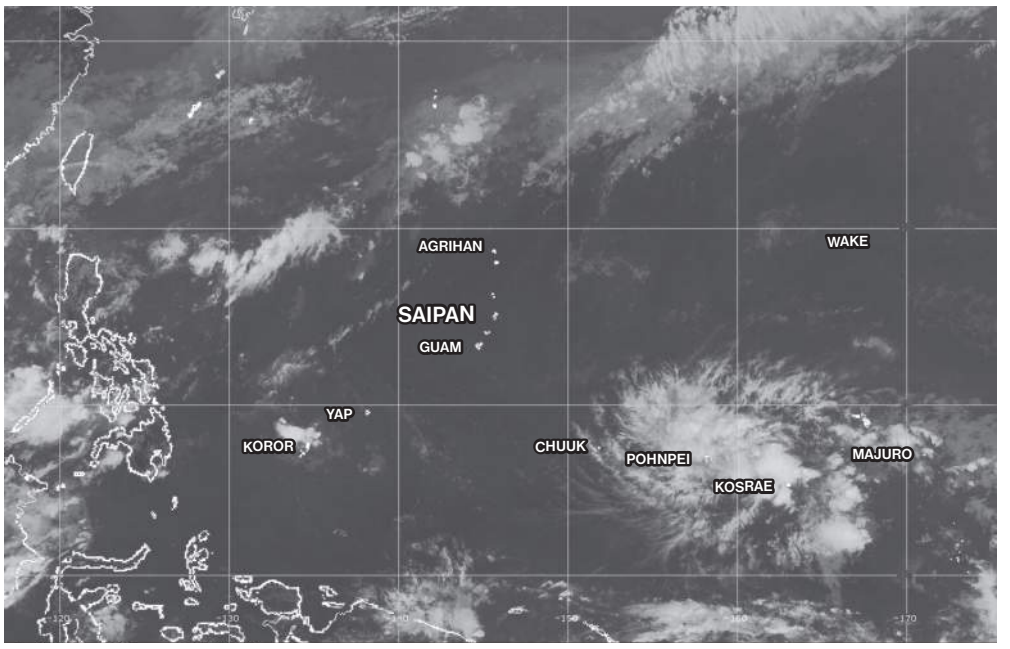

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UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:12am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	09:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 3, 4
7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:55pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM

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OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
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3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

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3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

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1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
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2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
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Pacific Subsea donates to HANMI golf tourney

With a donation of gift certificates for its unique submarine tour, Pacific Subsea Saipan has joined a list of sponsors buoying up the 18th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on May 11 at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort's west course.

"We began our partnership years ago with this tournament and always look forward to assisting," said Pacific Subsea Saipan operation manager Scott Eck. "As Saipan's only true submarine experience, we are hoping that whoever wins these gift certificates has an amazing time with us."

A scratch golfer himself and former college player, Eck also "would like to wish everyone good luck this weekend."

HANMI

Pacific Subsea Saipan operations manager Scott Eck, left, donates submarine tour gift certificates on April 12, 2019, at Kanoa Resort to Glenn Policare of the 18th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament Committee. The tournament will be held May 11, 2019, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The tournament follows a black-jack double Peoria format and is offering more than $100,000 in cash, cars, hotel night stays and other prizes for players. Registration for the tournament has sold out.

"We thank Pacific Subsea Saipan for generously donating these incredible prizes for this weekend's tournament," said tournament chair Steve Balakrishna. "In fact, the HANMI tournament has a great lineup of course and banquet prizes for adventures of land, sea, and yes, even sky. We're looking forward to a great day on and off the course on Saturday."

Hole-in-one prizes include $20,000 from Century Tours, a 2019 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross from Triple J Motors, $20,00 from LT Travel, a 2019 Toyota Sienna from Atkins Kroll Saipan, $5,000 from Pacifica Insurance, a first-class roundtrip ticket from Saipan to Shanghai or Guangzhou on Sichuan Airlines from Saipan Travel Inc., and $2,500 from Traders Insurance.

For an additional $30, players may also compete for optional play prizes, including Accurate Drive on Line (#9), Accurate Drive Circle (#5), Aggressive Drive (#12), Longest Drive (#18), and Nearest to the Pin (#3, #7, #13, #17). The tournament will start at 7am, and the awards banquet will be held the same day at 6pm at Grandvrio Resort Saipan.

For more information, contact Balakrishna at steve.balakrishna@picsaipan.com or 1.670.234.7976 or visit www.facebook.com/HANMI670. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 2019 Second General Membership Meeting on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Aqua Resort Club – Taga Room from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- **I. Call to Order**
- **II. Roll Call**
- **III. Review and Adoption of Agenda of May 17, 2019**
- **IV. Review and Adoption of FY 2019 SILC First General Membership Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2019.**
- **V. Reports**
  - **A.** Statewide Independent Living Council Chairperson
  - **B.** Center for Living Independently Executive Director
  - **C.** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Director
- **VI. Old Business**
  - **A.** State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Update for FY 2019
- **VII. New Business**
  - **A.** Membership Listing
  - **B.** National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) Conference
- **VIII. Action Item**
  - **A.** Amendment of FY 2019 SILC Resource Plan
- **IX. Announcements/Miscellaneous**
- **X. Adjournment**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodation such as large print or sign language interpreter are asked to call Elvira Seman at 322-6537/38 (voice) or 322-6549 (TTY) no later than Monday, May 13, 2019.

/s/ **Gernadine Camacho**
SILC Chairperson

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Moms in uniform

By BEA CABRERA
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Aside from serving the military, U.S. Army Reserve Specialist Ashley Castro is scheduled to finished her studies at Northern Marianas College in 2020.

Whenever she puts on her uniform as a U.S. Army reservist, Sgt. Kelly Sablan's 5-year-old-daughter shouts out, "Soldier! Soldier!" and she knows that mommy is going off to work.

Sablan hopes that that will make her a role model to not just her daughter but also other girls that they can aspire to do their own thing or get into a field of work that is dominated by men.

For Ashley Castro, a U.S. Army Reserve specialist, putting on her uniform is almost a life-changing affirmation. "It is like I am not just Ashley Castro, that I am a part of something bigger and meaningful."

Serving one's country and being a mother at the same time may appear daunting but these women are proving that, with focus, sacrifices, and hard decisions, it can be done. And these military moms in the U.S. Army Reserve stationed in the CNMI also manage to face both responsibilities with great honor and respect.

U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Kelly Sablan with a colleague donating school supplies. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Sablan, a mother of two and a 7th grade teacher at Hopwood Middle School, counts on the help she gets from her support system: her family.

"The military offers work-family balance programs but, personally, I balance my military career and personal life through advance planning and having a really good support system. With advance planning, when I know I will be leaving for training to go off island, I would tell my parents to take care of my children. They are big supporters of my military career," she said.

Her support system extends up to her workplace, making sure that her students are also taken cared of.

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And because her children are still very young, she does not go into full details whenever she has to leave for off-island training. "I just say I got go to work and I will be back."

Sablan, who is 27 years old, joined the military fresh out of high school. "I have been in the service for 10 years now.

Like many who go into military service, Sablan said she pursued this career for the twin purpose of serving her country and to further her education.

That comes with a lot of sacrifices, like missing milestones and family events.

Sablan's patriotism helps her get through it. "I knew coming into the service that there will be sacrifices because we constantly have to bear 'readiness' in mind and that's is really important being a soldier," she said.

As a soldier, what motivates her is the future she is creating for her children. "I want my children to live a long and happy life and pursue the goals they want to when they figure it out. …That is why peace and security are important to me as a soldier."

Like other mothers, military moms face all the same day-to-day challenges. Sablan acknowledges that that's just how it goes. The important thing is powering through.

"It does get hard, no matter what, because a lot of thing just come from the left field, unplanned. Just keep going, as balancing is hard but it's worth it in the end, especially if you have your kids and you see them grow up and pursue their own goals and dreams," Sablan said.

As a woman, she finds joy representing women in the military but she pointed out that there is no dichotomy in being a soldier. "When you are a soldier, there is no male or female. You are a soldier."

Castro, who left Saipan

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U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Kelly Sablan works as a 7th grade teacher at Hopwood Middle School.

Castro admits that it can be a struggle at times but the rewards make up for it. "I have my parents and extended family who all help me with my children and my unit company

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One of U.S. Army Reserve Specialist Ashley Castro' s qualifications is being a driver for military vehicles.

10 years to get basic training and advance individual training, chose to go into the U.S. Army Reserve "because I wasn't ready to leave home yet and I also wanted to pursue my education."

She is scheduled to graduate from the Northern Marianas College with a bachelor's degree in 2020 but what got her started on the military track was in high school, when she was a JROTC cadet from freshman year all the way to senior year at Marianas High School.

That means Castro is not merely balancing a career and motherhood but is also juggling a third pursuit—going after a college degree.

"One of the benefits of being in the Reserve is that we also have education benefits and this helps me balance my life of being in the service, having two children, and being in school."

in the military. …It's just like any other workplace. When you have something going on, we notify in advance our leadership and, depending on the situation, they can approve the notice," she said.

She believes she is up to the challenge of having a career in military service. "I feel like I will be in here for so many years but I am ready to take the next step to pursue my military career. …It is exciting and I don't know want to expect until I am finally in that position, but I'm sure I can handle it," she added.

And being a soldier helps her ensure that her children will also have the "freedom and the choices that we have, to pursue our happiness and our overall wellbeing," she said. "…I want my children to have that opportunity now and tomorrow and I want them to make the choices without any persecution or restrictions."

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What's special about your mom?

By BEA CABRERA
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Saipan Tribune asked students from the English Composition 2 class at the Northern Marianas College about what they find special about their moms and they were not shy about how they feel.

"My mother is special because I am amazed at how resilient she is. I also admire her work ethic as she works hard for us to be able to provide for the family. She always makes sure we are well taken cared of and I truly treasure that about her. My sister and I aspire to be just like her as we get older and we hope to share the same values she has taught us to people around us."
—Jennifer Tanghal, freshman, Liberal Arts major

Jennifer Tanghal with her sister and mother, Lorna Tanghal.
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"My mother is selfless. She prioritizes her daughters and always puts them and their needs first. I Love you, Mom! Happy Mother's Day!"
—Cristine Reina T. Alfonso, sophomore, pre-Nursing major

Cristine Reina Alfonso with her mom.
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"She is strong and resilient despite the many obstacles in our life. She is very inspiring and, Mom, thank you for cooking my food. You are the main reason why I do the things that I do like studying hard. Happy Mother's Day, Mama!"
—Keandre Deseo, freshman, Liberal Arts major

Keandre Deseo with his mom, Maricar Deseo.
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"She is very hardworking, selfless and, most importantly, loving. She is always there for me, doing everything to help me in my life and I really appreciate her. I love you, Mom!"
—Jose Carreon, sophomore, Elementary Education major

Jose Carreon with his mom, Roselle Carreon.

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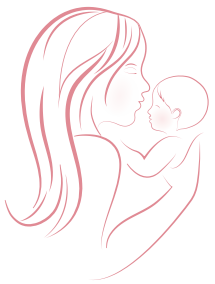

"When it comes to my mom, our relationship is unique. We may not see eye to eye in many things but we are the best mother-daughter duo. I love my mom for being an inspiration to me as she is so passionate about life and is the biggest supporter of my life goals. She brings out the positive in anyone that she meets and I love her for the life I am given. Happy Mother's Day, Mom!"

—Glenda Aldan Liberal Arts major

Glenda Aldan's mom, Petra T. Sablan, poses with her granddaughters.

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"Since I am a parent now, the thing that is really special about my mom is I consider [her] my resource with what is happening with my own children. When my children are sick or having a hard time, she is such a great resource for me to call and talk to. I tell her I am struggling with this [and] she usually gives me a long tale of how I was so much worse and the kids are fine and gives helpful suggestions. Mom, you are the best resource for me and my journey as a parent so thank you so much. I love you and happy Mother's Day!"

—Adam Walsh, English Composition 2 teacher at NMC

Adam Walsh with his mom, Debi Walsh

"My mom is special because she is very determined. … One time she climbed a tree in front of our house. I told her, 'Mom, please do not climb the tree. We don't have insurance." But she was like, "But I want the fruit." I really respect her courage and determination. …One day, when I leave for the [U.S.] mainland, I want to bring those traits (her motivation and her honesty) with me because I'm going to need it if I will start living independently. I love you, Ma! Thank you for feeding me!

—Cerijean Mangubat, Liberal Arts with emphasis in Education

Cerijean Mangubat with her mother.

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"She is my best friend, very respectful, kind-hearted, and supportive of me. I love her very much. Happy Mother's Day!"

—John Cavinta, freshman, Elementary Education major

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Poems for mom

Actions speaks louder than words but words from the heart are meaningful and forever. Saipan Tribune collected the following poems from young students on Saipan. ***(Bea Cabrera)***

Mother's Day Love

By GEORGIA BAETGE
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Love is not what you think, but what you see and feel.

Love is not a victory just to have someone next to you.

One needs a mother's touch before one can feel happiness.

A child needs a mother's gentle voice, a gentle hand, before they know who they are.

A mother needs a child before she knows who she is.

My mother is a moon flower in a forest of gray and black.

My mother is the one tree that survived the fire.

I am the flower surrounded by fire.

My mother stays and does not flee.

My mother chases away my worries.

She helps me feel happiness and joy.

Georgia Baetge is a third-year elementary student at Isla Montessori School.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Georgia Baetge

3 Words

By KATIE CHOI
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Mom, you told me "Please," "Thank You" and "Welcome" are the three important words in English.

I just want to say PLEASE take a break from what you are doing because you have done so much already.

THANK YOU for caring for me even though I was crying. Even when I was happy you were there next to me.

You have always WELCOMED me with you warm heart.

I love you Mom.

Katie Choi is an 8th grader at Saipan Community School.

Katie Choi CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Thank You, Mama

By JEZREEL DRILON
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

I remember the time when you held my arms
Guiding me as I take my first walk
You smiled and encouraged me
And I did what you told me so

You carried me for nine months
And you missed a ton of stuff as you watched me grow
Your old clothes couldn't fit you anymore
And you miss hanging out with your friends

I couldn't remember when you gave birth to me
But father have always say you had a smile on your face
You took care of me and gave me hope
I'm myself today because of you

As I grew up
We fought a lot
Once I told you that I hated you
I regretted it as soon as I slammed the door

I heard you cry from closed door
But I swallowed my pride and left you there alone

I was at my lowest when you hugged me
Telling me everything's going to be fine
I cried more and I told you I didn't mean anything that I've said
You smiled and kissed me on my cheek

I've never told you this before
But I want to tell you that I love you
Happy Mother's Day
And thank you, Mama

Jezreel Drilon is a 7th grade student at Hopwood Middle School.

My Best Friend

By TIANA CABRERA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

She's the one who makes me me!
Without her I'm not whole.
She makes the rainiest days into the brightest days.
She cares for me and loves me like the kind of love you need.
She is my mom. She is my best friend.
I love you Mom.

Tiana Cabrera is an 8th Grade student at Saipan Community School.

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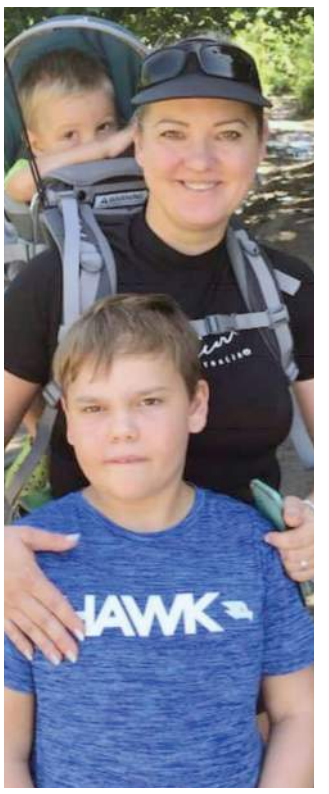
Remembering being a first-time mom



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Antonina Banes and her two sons, Maximilian and Sebastian Banes.

Exactly eight years ago today, Antonina Banes became a first-time mother, born into her new life as mom to her first-born, Maximilian.

"Maximilian was a miracle for us because for years I couldn't conceive. As a result, his existence changed my perspective of everything.

"If I thought that I knew what love is already—from our parents, siblings, spouses, etc., after having my first baby was when I realized that a mother's love is the most powerful feeling ever," she said.

"I was worried, though, of spoiling him with unlimited affection. Now having a second young child on my hands, I could give as much love and affection as I can," she added.

Rearing a baby for the first time made Banes appreciate the presence of a so-called Saipan family—a circle of moms who experienced the same or who were going through the same journey.

"That made us even closer friends than before," she said.

Unlike many first-time mothers who experience anxiety, Banes did not go through that. But that doesn't mean everything is a walk in the park. "Being a mom is a lot of hard work that is sometimes invisible to the eyes of others. But the happy eyes of your children is always good payback, coupled with sweet hugs and kisses. …As a mom I find myself to be more forgiving [and] generous…" ***(Bea Cabrera)***

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Just *Love* on Mother's Day

By BEA CABRERA
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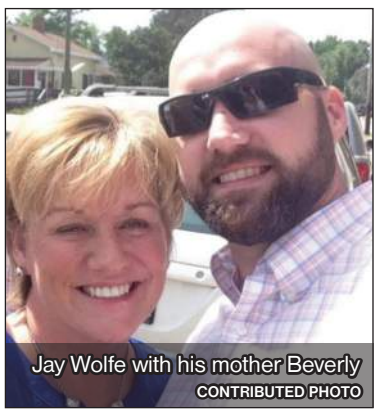
No matter how old, independent, and successful now one is, a mother will always be special because they were the ones who first believed in how far their children would go. This holds true for the following community leaders who had their own mothers who believed in them first.


Jay Wolfe with his mother Beverly CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jay Wolfe, a local entrepreneur, sustains a strong bond with his mother who lives in Kentucky. "I want to wish my mother, Beverly, a very happy Mother's Day. Everyday I remember all the things you've done for me. I am so grateful I can call you mother and my friend. Please come visit soon. I miss you."

The niece of former governor Juan N. Babauta, **Rep. Shiela Babauta,** is also making her own path in the political realm, thanks in no small part to the encouragement of her mom.

Rep. Shiela Baubauta with her mother Dolorina Weilbacher Jack Babauta. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"To my mother, Dolorina Weilbacher Jack Babauta, I was just a little girl when you encouraged me to bake with you in our cramped, modest kitchen in Chalan Kanoa. We pulled out ingredients, not using any lists or cookbooks (because you were a creative genius), and we began preparing to bake your famous blueberry cheesecake. You reassured me that I could roll the dough and that I wouldn't mess it up. You held my hand while we used an electric mixer to create the filling. You smiled while I spread the sweet blueberry filling on top and, once we were done, you let me lick the bowl with so much enthusiasm and satisfaction. Mom, that is the yummiest memory I have of us but it is just one of many. Thank you for teaching me how to cha-cha in our living room, for the spontaneous swimming lessons at the beach and for always reminding me to be kind to others. You've redefined the meaning of strength, commitment, love, and courage to me. I am forever grateful for your spirit and I will always love blueberry cheesecake because of you. I love you and happy Mother's Day!"

Michelle Cabrera-Atalig has work and life balance figured out. While a wife and a mom of two, she is able to build a career at Docomo Pacific that is both fulfilling and inspired by how her own mother reared her.

Michelle Cabrera-Atalig with her mom. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"Mom, of the many blessings in my life, I am especially grateful for you. You are an example of loving selflessly as you live each day to serve our God and family. You are by our side when we need you the most and reminds us that the greatest gift you can give us is your presence and the memories that come with it. You extend your love, time, and care, not just to your children but also to your grandchildren. We are blessed beyond words that you are still with us today. We appreciate you everyday, Mom, but on Mother's Day, we hope you feel showered with extra love, kisses and pampering. Happy Mother's Day and may God bless you with many years to come."

Rep. Ivan Blanco. BEA CABRERA

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Rep. Ivan Blanco of the 21st Commonwealth Legislature (Precinct 3), honors his own mother and all mothers in the CNMI. "I wish my mom, Alin, who resides in Chuuk a very happy Mother's Day. I also want to wish all moms a special happy Mother's Day and may our Lord continue to bless you."

Kathy Attao a wife, mother, coach, athlete and handles Corporate Affairs and Human Resources at TanHoldings Corp., looks up to her mom's perseverance, inspiring her to nimbly juggle all the roles she takes on.

"To my dearest mother, Elizabeth Arthur-Attao, you have taught me so much about faith, love, forgiveness and perseverance. You are an example of the strength of a woman and of a mother. I have seen your love expand beyond boundaries to include those who have done you wrong. Your walk in faith has always been your priority and I admire every step of the way. I am so very thankful that I have been blessed with an angel as my mom and I love you so very much. Happy Mother's Day!"

Kathy Attao with her mom, Elizabeth Arthur-Attao. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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MTEC starts plans for new school year

The Marianas Tourism Education Council met recently to regroup and plan for the new school year.

MTEC discussed the upcoming school year 2019-2020 calendar of events, which will include a meeting with advisers of Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically, or MY WAVE, Clubs.

"The current school year has been a challenge for MY WAVE clubs, especially with Super Typhoon Yutu affecting the school schedule," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "We are super proud of all those clubs that made the time to organize activities and continue to support tourism despite the challenges. We are excited about resuming our school presentations again next year."

On April 30, 2019, MY WAVE club members of Saipan Southern High School participated in the proclamation signing for Marianas Tourism Month.

"This board, under the leadership of Vicky, is very committed to our mission, which is to foster community understanding and support for the visitor industry; educate our students about the value and economic benefits provided by the industry; and to instill, improve and promote the 'Hafa Adai & Tirow' spirit throughout the islands," said MTEC vice chair Wendi Herring. "We sincerely embrace our credo that tourism truly is everybody's business! And, I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to speak with more students in the coming school year."

Members of the Saipan Southern High School MY WAVE Club participate in the proclamation signing for Marianas Tourism Month led by Gov. Ralph Torres, left, and Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios on April 30, 2019, at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Officers of the Marianas Tourism Education Council attend the proclamation signing for Marianas Tourism Month on April 30, 2019, at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill. From left, MTEC secretary Martin Duenas, treasurer Ryan Yulo, vice chair Wendi Herring, and chair Vicky Benavente. MTEC

MTEC also welcomed a new treasurer, Robert "Ryan" Yulo of Ernst & Young. The accounting firm, along with the Marianas Visitors Authority, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and DFS Saipan, are all founding members of MTEC.

""I'm so honored to be given an opportunity to hold an important position in this council that my firm has been part of from the very start," said Yulo. "And I look forward to being able to assist in achieving [MTEC's] goals that aims to contribute to the continuous success of the CNMI's tourism industry."

MTEC's next major event will be the Governor's Tourism Cup on August 31, 2019, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Other annual events include the MTEC Tourism Summit in January. MTEC also offers a stipend for MY WAVE club advisers and a scholarship program for MY WAVE club members. MTEC partners closely with the MVA for manpower and other assistance for the golf tournament and other activities.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority is pleased to work with MTEC in its mission to educate and energize the community, especially students, in support of tourism," said MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas. "MTEC does tremendous work in further the message that, 'Tourism is Everybody's Business.'"

MTEC was formed in 2002. ***(MTEC)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-19-020

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TWO SLUDGE DEWATERING EQUIPMENT'S

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase of two Sludge Dewatering Equipment's; one for the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (5) hard copies, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-19-020, Supply and Delivery of Two Sludge Dewatering Equipment's"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than May 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

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All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 10, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Westen Knudsen, P.E., Senior Engineer for Water/Wastewater at email address westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Senior at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-19-019

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF CHLORINE GAS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Chlorine Gas for Saipan, Tinian & Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **$100.00** for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-19-019, Supply & Delivery of Chlorine Gas"* to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 17, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

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A total of 17 students were inducted into the Kagman Elementary School's chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society last April 26, 2019, at Kanoa Resort's Seaside Hall.

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17 KES students inducted to elementary honor society

Kagman Elementary School's first induction ceremony for the National Elementary Honor Society was held last April 26, 2019, at Kanoa Resort's Seaside Hall. A total of 17 students were inducted into the school's chapter.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or higher. Additionally, candidates must meet high standards of responsibility, service, and leadership.

Leadership is based on the student's participation in community or school activities or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in service projects in the school and community.

Students are reviewed by a faculty council appointed by the principal.

As members of NEHS, these students will now engage in a number of chapter service projects.

KES principal Dr. Ignacia T. Demapan stressed the importance of leadership. "You are the leaders of your class and represent the very best of our school. My hope and belief is that each of you will always lean on values, ethics, and character that you have developed as you make difficult choices throughout your life," she told the inductees.

The students inducted into the program this year are:

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- Marybel Rita I. Kalen
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- Jayanna Barcilisa C. Ruiz
- Damian Cole P. Torres
- Logan Elijah L. Tudela

NEHS is modeled on its companion organization, the National Honor Society, which is the nation's oldest and best-known student recognition program. NEHS was founded in 2008 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, which is also the parent organization for NHS, in partnership with the National Association of Elementary School Principals oundation. Visit www.nehs.org for more information. ***(PR)***

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

from the family of

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To all of you, our dear friends and family, who were with us, whether it be in spirit or in person, when our David Anthony was called to his eternal home.

Although no parent, sibling, loved one or child could ever be ready to face, accept or start to live with such a loss, in one way or another, having you all beside us in this time of sorrow and pain has helped us carry on and gain the strength we need to wake up to every new day without him.

From that dreadful day at the hospital, when he drew his last breath, to our daily masses and rosaries and then his final farewell at his funeral Mass, we have been overwhelmed by the outpour of Love, Support and Unselfishness from such great family and friends.

Each of you have shown us that God does not abandon his people…he sends angels to watch over them and walk with them in their most desperate times. You are our angels.

For our David Anthony's other Family, the Department of Public Safety—we offer you a special Prayer for Blessings, for all of the time and effort you have put into making his time with you what he always dreamed of since he started dreaming of becoming one of you, a servant of the people. Thank you for all that you did for him when he walked among us and for all that you have done for us when he left us.

A thousand pages of words will never be enough to express how blessed and humbled we are for having you all in our lives, but this, we can do… ask our Lord to Bless each of you with good health and prosperous lives and the gift to continue giving to others what you have given us.

God Bless you all,

Ghilissow, Me Sulang, Fa'afetai,
Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you.

David (Ton), Rose, Tima, Niko, Dionicia,
Eric, Azaiah, Divonne and Drae Amor'e

CNMI DOL inks MOU with USDOL's division on enforcement, outreach

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and CNMI Department of Labor signed a memorandum of understanding last Wednesday with the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division to maximize and improve the enforcement of federal labor laws in the CNMI.

Torres and CNMI Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente signed the MOU on behalf of the CNMI, while Keith Sonderling, acting administrator of the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division; Ruben Rosalez, regional administrator for the Western Region; and Terence Trotter, Honolulu district director, represented the US DOL.

"The enforcement of our federal labor laws requires a coordinated effort, and this MOU will empower our CNMI Department of Labor with the ability to assist our federal partners at the USDOL achieve this," said Torres.

Benavente noted that the MOU will provide the CNMI the ability to conduct joint training and outreach presentations about the laws and regulations enforced by both labor agencies.

"We appreciate the visit of [Sonderling, Rosalez, and Trotter] for this collective commitment to the enforcement of our labor laws. The CNMI DOL will coordinate joint investigations to assist U.S. DOL with enforcement activities, referrals of complaints, and exchange of information. The end result will be the protection of all workers with regards to the payment of their wages, overtime, and other applicable statutes," Benavente said.

Under the MOU, CNMI DOL and U.S. DOL agree to coordinate joint outreach presentations and distribute educational material for the community. The agencies also agree to work to provide a side-by-side comparison of laws with overlapping provisions and jurisdiction.

"This partnership will be mutually beneficial for the CNMI and our federal partners. We share a collective goal to protect all of our workers and their wages," Torres added. ***(PR)***

TSL Foundation jumpstarts fundraiser for Tinian church

Friend of San Jose Parish co-chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds, front row, fourth left, and San Jose parish priest Fr. Rey Rosal, front row, center, receive the Tan Siu Lin Foundation's $100,000 check donation for the Friend of San Jose Church from TanHoldings Corp. chief executive officer Jerry Tan, front row, second from left, last Friday at the San Jose Church on Tinian. The Tinian and CNMI leadership led by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, front row, sixth left, and Mayor Edwin Alddan, back row, eighth left, Friends of San Jose Parish officers and parishioners, and TanHoldings and TSL Foundation officials witnessed the donation ceremony.

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The Tan Siu Lin Foundation took the lead in the fundraising efforts to help rebuild the San Jose Church on Tinian with a $100,000 donation to the Friends of San Jose Parish.

TanHoldings Corp. chief executive officer Jerry Tan handed over the check to San Jose Parish priest Rey Rosal and Friends of San Jose Parish co-chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds last Friday in the presence of the group's other officials, TanHoldings Corp. and the TSL Foundation officers, parishioners, and the Tinian and CNMI leadership headed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan.

With the donation, Aldan said TanHoldings Corp., through the TSL Foundation, has proven time and again that it can be counted on when the community needs help.

"TanHoldings and the TSL Foundation don't forget Tinian. They've been coming here and providing assistance to us, be it in sports or community projects. I remember how they support our soccer program and how they welcome our players every time they play on Saipan," said Aldan, who announced the foundation's donation during the opening of the 63rd San Jose Fiesta Celebration last Friday.

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation is the first group to donate a substantial amount for the rebuilding effort, King-Hinds said.

"It is incredibly hard to raise this amount of money on Tinian, given the size of our population and given the fact that we don't have the presence of large businesses that have the ability to donate sizeable amount of cash. What I am most thankful for is Jerry's commitment to help us by being a member and partner of Friends of San Jose Parish and collaborating with us to raise funds. The value of his support is immeasurable and I have no words to describe how grateful we all are," she added.

The foundation's donation will be used for the rebuilding of the San Jose Social Hall that was destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu in October last year.

The project, according to King-Hinds, would cost between $300,000 and $500, 000, while the construction of the new and concrete church has been estimated at $1.7 million. The church, though still standing, sustained massive damage, with its walls, doors, roofs and windows broken and the equipment/furniture inside either repaired or replaced for short-term use.

The TSL Foundation, the charitable arm of TanHoldings Corp., recognized the immediate need to rebuild the church's social hall.

"The social hall will not only serve as a temporary place of worship, but will also be used for community gatherings, regardless of religious denomination. Once the concrete church is constructed, they will turn the social hall into a community center where town-hall meetings, public hearings, health and wellness outreach programs, and other activities for Tinian residents can be held. With many structures on Tinian flattened by Super Typhoon Yutu…having a social hall that has multiple functions will best served the people of the island," said TSL Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino.

Rosal said it will take two to three years to rebuild the church.

"Thank you, TSL Foundation, Jerry Tan, and TanHoldings family for sharing your blessings with the people of Tinian, with the San Jose Parish. To other donors, please help us rebuild our church. I know you are there just waiting for us to knock on your doors," Rosal said.

Tan said the money intended to help rebuild the Tinian social hall is part of the $1-million donation that the foundation allocated for Yutu recovery efforts.

"When we split the donation among CARE CNMI, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, Mass Care, and other affected groups, there was $100,000 left and we decided to hold on to it. Now, we know why we kept the $100,000—it has a purpose, to help the people of Tinian," Tan said.

"We have a long way to go, as far as our recovery efforts from Yutu are concerned, but we are on track, as we continue to be resilient and work together," he added.

Torres praised Tan and the foundation for coming to Tinian's aid the same way they helped Saipan when Super Typhoon Yutu hammered the island.

"When Super Typhoon Yutu struck our islands, the TSL Foundation was among the first groups to respond and donate during our islands' time of need. San Jose Church is an important part of the community on Tinian, and it was devastated. We are very fortunate to have people like Jerry and the TSL Foundation step up and help rebuild the San Jose Social Hall as the first phase of rebuilding San Jose Church. They truly represent our shared vision for a stronger Marianas," Torres said.

Tan said the foundation will reach out to friends and partners in Guam to seek help to rebuild the San Jose Social Hall. ***(PR)***

JAVIER SABLAN IBA

LOVINGLY KNOWN AS EBONG
July 24, 1967 – May 3, 2019

He now joins his:

Parents:	†Jose Seman Iba
	†Angelica Sablan Iba
Paternal Grandparents:	†Conrad Iba
	†Cecilia Seman Cabrera
Maternal Grandparents:	†David Salas Sablan
	†Engracia (Bong) Obuokel Sablan
Brother:	†Jonas Sablan Iba
Sisters:	†Maria Sablan Iba
	†Rosabel Sablan Iba

He will forever remain in the hearts of his:

Brothers: **Jason Sablan Iba**/Frances Lizama Iba – Angiemae/Alfonso (Ethan, Nathaniel, Corey, Neveah & Alfonso Jr.), Carmen/Jesse (Martin Jay), Jasonniarie/James, Tiffany/Ron & Donovan
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Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and godchildren.

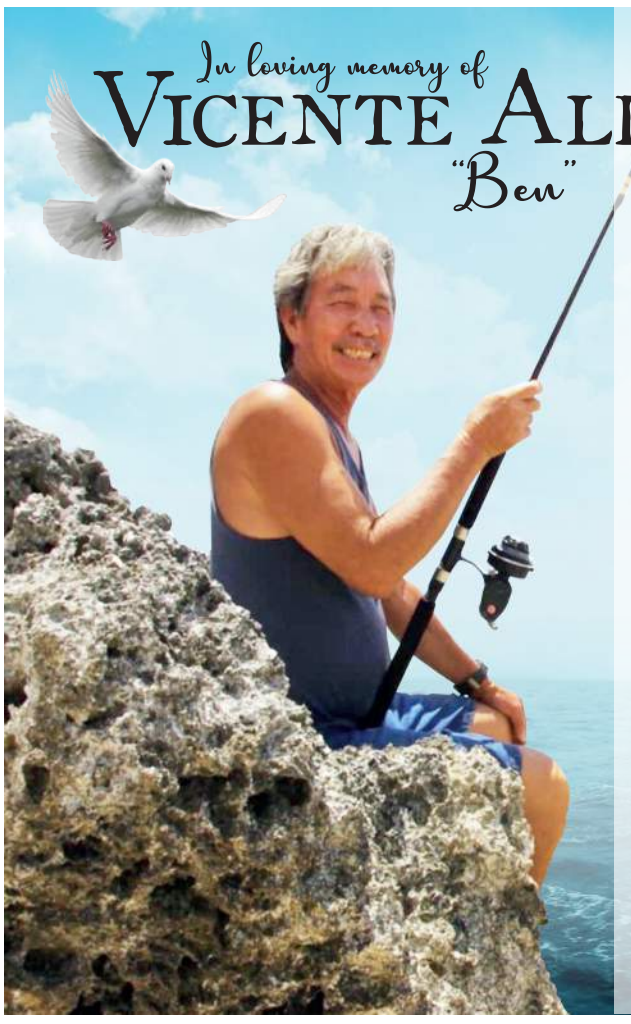
Daily mass is being offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6am & San Antonio at 6pm, on May 11, 2019 (Saturday), the body will be escorted from CHCC morgue at 7:30am to San Antonio church and responso will be said followed by lisayu. At 11am is the Mass of Christian Burial followed by internment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetary.

Thank you, Si yu'us ma'ase, Sulang, Kinisou yan Ghilisow:
The Family

In loving memory of

VICENTE ALDAN ICHIHARA

"Ben"



January 21, 1959 – May 2, 2019

of Chalan Kanoa, was called home by our heavenly Father in his home in Dededo, Guam at the age of 60.

In his new life, Ben will be met at the gates of heaven by his

Father and Mother:	†Jose San Miguel Ichihara & Teresa Aldan Ichihara
Sister:	†Dolores I. Marciano
Father-In Law:	†Jose Ayuyu Crisostomo
Brothers-In Law:	†Ricardo Marciano, Thomas Duane Quan Santos
Sister-In Law:	†Jean Ellen Quichocho Taitingfong
Baptismal Godfather:	†Ignacio Palacios Togawa

Ben's love and memories will be missed and cherished forever in the hearts of his

Wife: Carmen 'Diane' Crisostomo Ichihara
Children: **Teruko Jo Ichihara** & Aaron Wade Fegurgur (Raiden Wade), **Aaron Vince Ichihara** & Jennifer Angel Hernandez (Special Friend) (Jagger), **Katrina Lynne Ichihara** & Kimberly Nicole Dising (Special Friend), **Jerolyn Pangelinan** (Roxzanna, Junie, Peter Travis)
Brothers, Sisters, Brothers-In Law, Sisters-In Law: **Jose A.** & Rosa I. Ichihara, **Rosa A. Ichihara, Ignacio A. Ichihara** & Jesusa Contreras, **Juan A.** & Brigida DLG. Ichihara, **Maria I.** & Quing Sui, **Jesse Paul A.** & Esther Ichihara, **Dorothy Ann Santos**, **Claire Marie Crisostomo Santos**, **Pauline Therese Taitingfong** & Charles Acosta
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He will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Mass for his reposed soul is being offered daily at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m.

On Monday, May 13, 2019, his remains will arrive on Saipan from Guam. He will be escorted to the Borja Funeral Home where he will remain. On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 7:30 a.m., he will be escorted to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by Interment Services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'åsi' and Thank You
From Carmen 'Diane' Crisostomo Ichihara, Children, and Grandchildren

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Shell shock: Turtle flies into car windshield on SC highway

CONWAY, S.C. (AP)—A South Carolina driver got a case of shell shock after a turtle flying through the air on a busy highway shattered his windshield. John Gardner said the rear tire on a truck near him hit the turtle Tuesday afternoon on U.S. Highway 501 near Conway and flung the reptile into his windshield. He says he had no time to react to what was just a "big, black dot coming at me." WBTW-TV reported the impact was so severe that it killed the turtle and both drivers stopped. The turtle ended up lodged in Gardner's windshield and he has been told it will cost $2,000 to repair the glass and damaged windshield wipers. Gardner says he was covered in glass shards but not hurt.

Teen swimmers pray for help, rescued by boat called the Amen

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP)—A pair of Florida teens saw their prayers answered after becoming stranded about 2 miles (3 kilometers) from shore. News outlets report that 17-year-olds Tyler Smith and Heather Brown were swimming at Vilano Beach near St. Augustine during a senior skip day last month when strong currents pulled them out to sea. The Christ's Church Academy students say they were holding onto each other and praying to God for help just before Captain Eric Wagner and his crew spotted them. The boat was called the Amen. Crewmembers pulled the teens on board and contacted the U.S. Coast Guard. Smith and Brown are set to graduate later this month.

Whose poo is this? Prague Zoo takes a closer look at dung

PRAGUE (AP)—After producing plenty of elephant dung and other manure for years, Prague Zoo has capitalized on its expertise by creating a new permanent exhibit on the world of animal excrement. It displays information and samples of everything from fossil turds, also known as coprolites, from extinct animals to the excrement of modern-day gorillas, lions, elephants, horses, turtles, wombats, camels and other animals, all in various sizes, shapes, textures and colors. Zoo director Miroslav Bobek, whose surname literally means "poop" in Czech, says he was inspired by American George Frandsen and his online museum . The exhibition coincides with the zoo's publication of a new edition of the "Encyclopedia of Excrements." The zoo has been selling elephant dung to gardeners as fertilizer for years.

Police say 2 stole $21K worth of Victoria's Secret panties

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Police in Pennsylvania have identified two suspects accused of stealing $21,000 worth of Victoria's Secret underwear last month. Lower Allen Township police say an 18-year-old woman and a juvenile they aren't naming entered the store at the Capital City Mall near Harrisburg on April 7. Police say the juvenile acted as a lookout as Aida Melcado took panties from a table and from drawers and stuffed them in a bag. Police tell WPMT-TV that they took about 2,000 pairs. Police say the two were identified by officers performing a drug investigation in Fairfax, Virginia, less than two weeks later.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MAY 10, 2019

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIVISION (DCD) OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE DCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL RECONVENE ITS MEETING OF MAY 3, 2019 ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 AT 8:30 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR CDA BUILDING, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  A. Roll Call
  ~~B. Election of Officers~~
  ~~C. Adoption of Agenda~~
  ~~D. Adoption of Minutes~~
    ~~1. February 21, 2018~~

~~II. PUBLIC COMMENTS~~

III. REPORTS
  A. Executive Director's / Loan Manager's Report
  B. Legal Counsel's Report – Litigation Report

IV. OLD BUSINESS
  A. Amendment to the DCD Rules & Regulations
  B. Accounts Write-Off

V. NEW BUSINESS
  ~~A. New Loan Application~~
VI. OTHER MATTERS
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 1(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ FRANK LEE SN. BORJA
Chairman, DCD Board of Directors

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in the conference room at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The general public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call. Determination of Quorum

III. Public Comment

IV. Adoption of Agenda

V. Adoption of Minutes

VI. New Business

  A. Amendments to Casino License Agreement
    1. 2,000 Guest Room Requirement
    2. Live Training Facility
    3. Local Hiring Requirement
    4. Shareholder Controlling Interest

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of May 10, 2019

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc.	04/05/2019 SPI-88-X-48, Amendment 2019-1	Construction of New Fuel Tank	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 05/09/2019
2. Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc.	04/17/2019 SPI-2019-X-028	Trenching and Installation of additional electric conduit	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 05/03/2019
3. Marianas Geotech Services, LLC	04/18/2019 TPIm-2019-X-004	Subsurface Soil Exploration & Drilling	San Jose, Tinian	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 05/09/2019
4. Pacific Marine Enterprises, Inc.	05/08/2019 SPI-2019-X-032	Drydock	Tanapag, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
5. Song & Jang dba B&B Grotto	04/26/2019 STLR-2018-X-074-R2	Snorkeling	Grotto, Saipan Eastbay, Saipan Forbidden, Saipan	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
6. Time Creation Corporation Dba TCC Diving Tour	05/06/20149 SLR-2018-X-070-R2	Snorkeling & SCUBA Diving	Mañagaha Island	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
7. Marine Tech (Saipan), Inc. Dba S2 Club	05/08/2019 STLR-2018-X-130-R2	SCUBA Diving	All Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
8. Big Eye, LLC	05/08/2019 SLR-2018-X-128-R2	SCUBA Diving	All Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
9. Hi-Five Co., LTD	05/09/2019 SLR-2019-X-115-R2	Snorkeling	Mañagaha Island	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
10. Aqua Connections, Inc.	05/09/2019 STLR-2018-X-067-R2	SCUBA Diving & Snorkeling	Saipan Tinian Mañagaha	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC IFB 19-003

Repair/Rebuild damaged sections of the CREES Agricultural Equipment Facility, Tinian

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of construction services for the Repair/Rebuild damaged sections of the CREES Agricultural Equipment Facility, Tinian.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. O, commencing Monday, April 15th between the hours of 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may request a copy of the IFB via email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., May 15, 2019, CNMI date and time at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. O, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the NMC IFB 19-003 packet attention Anita Camacho at email anita.camacho@marianas.edu.

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In accordance with Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bid offers for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ Anita Camacho
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Life & Style

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By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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FRUSTRATED RECEPTIONIST

DEAR FRUSTRATED: If someone calls the main number, it may be that it's the one that showed up on the person's phone. Tell the caller that he or she has reached the MAIN number, and you need the name of the person before you can make the connection. It's the truth. It might also be helpful to suggest to your boss that because younger clients often don't listen to their voicemails or pick up when their phone rings, sending them an email or text might be more efficient.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Life & Style

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

R. Kelly judgment withdrawn after lawyers say he can't read

CHICAGO (AP)—R. Kelly spent much of Wednesday in court, with his lawyer explaining to one judge that the singer didn't respond to a lawsuit brought by one of his sexual abuse accusers because he is illiterate and with Kelly paying $62,000 in back child support during a second hearing. At the first hearing, Judge Moira Johnson vacated a default judgment she made against Kelly after the singer failed to respond to a lawsuit brought by one of the four women he's charged with sexually abusing. Johnson reinstated the lawsuit after one of Kelly's attorneys explained that the singer was in jail when he was served with the lawsuit documents and that Kelly didn't respond because he can't read. The second hearing, which pertained to child support, came weeks after the judge in that case ordered Kelly to jail after finding him in contempt of court for failing to pay $161,000 in back child support to his ex-wife, who is the mother of his three children. Kelly remained locked up for three days until he raised the back child support.

Mel Gibson to play Santa Claus in 'Fatman' comedy

NEW YORK (AP)—Mel Gibson is to play Santa Claus in "Fatman," a comedy that will be shopped at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival. Gibson is attached as Kris Kringle in the film to be directed by Ian and Eshom Nelms and is executive produced by David Gordon Green and Danny McBride. The filmmakers call it a "rowdy Santa tale" about an unorthodox Santa Claus who is targeted by a hitman hired by a 12-year-old after he receives coal in his stocking. Production is scheduled to begin early next year. Domestic and international rights for the film will be up for sale in Cannes, the world's largest film market. Gibson most recently starred in "Daddy's Home 2" and "Dragged Across Concrete."

Timberlake to receive special honor from Songwriters Hall

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Timberlake's songwriting chops will be honored next month. The pop star will receive the Contemporary Icon Award from the Songwriters Hall of Fame on June 13 at the organization's 50th annual induction ceremony in New York. Timberlake is the second person to receive the honor; Lady Gaga earned it in 2015. The Songwriters Hall said the award is given to a "songwriter-artist who has attained an iconic status in pop culture." Timberlake has co-written all of his solo hit songs, from "Cry Me a River" to "SexyBack" to "Can't Stop the Feeling!"—which earned him an Oscar nomination. He also co-wrote songs for N'Sync, including "Gone," "Girlfriend" and "Pop." The 2019 Songwriters Hall class includes Missy Elliott, Cat Stevens, John Prine, Tom T. Hall, Jack Tempchin and Dallas Austin.

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Her troubles led to the establishment of a court-ordered conservatorship, which allowed her father, Jamie, and attorneys to run her affairs and remains in effect a decade later. A court hearing on the arrangement is scheduled for Friday, and a judge ruled late Wednesday that a lawyer for Britney's mother and Jamie's ex-wife Lynne Spears could be part of the proceeding. Lynne Spears has not previously been involved in her daughter's conservatorship.

The restraining order granted Wednesday also alleged that Lutfi has sought to undermine the conservatorship.

Hello, Archie! Meghan and Harry name son Archie Harrison

LONDON (AP)—Tired but beaming, new parents Meghan and Prince Harry presented their 2-day-old son to the world as he slumbered Wednesday and also revealed his name: Archie.

The royal couple, known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex since their marriage not quite a year ago, said the full name of the child born seventh in line to the British throne is Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor.

The baby slept peacefully through his carefully orchestrated media moment. His mother, making her first public appearance since giving birth early Monday, called Archie "a dream" who "has the sweetest temperament."

"He's really calm," Meghan said.

Harry quipped: "I wonder who he gets that from."

Harry and Meghan did not choose an aristocratic title for their son. He is not a prince but could have been given the title "Lord" before his first name.

Instead he will be known for now as "Master Archie Mountbatten-Windsor."

Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, during a photocall with their newborn son, in St George's Hall at Windsor Castle, Windsor, south England, Wednesday May 8, 2019. AP

The surname, used by some members of the royal family, was created to recognize the lineage of both Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip.

Unlike many senior royals, Archie only has one middle name. Prince Harry's full name is Henry Charles Albert David.

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I don't know why people are so lazy and inconsiderate that they don't listen to their messages. In a couple of instances important information was left on their voicemail, and the person missed critical deadlines that cost us money. The head of my firm deals with a lot of younger clients, and it seems the younger the person is, the less likely they will listen to any of their voicemails, or their voicemail boxes are full, so it's impossible to leave a message for them.

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DEAR FRUSTRATED: If someone calls the main number, it may be that it's the one that showed up on the person's phone. Tell the caller that he or she has reached the MAIN number, and you need the name of the person before you can make the connection. It's the truth. It might also be helpful to suggest to your boss that because younger clients often don't listen to their voicemails or pick up when their phone rings, sending them an email or text might be more efficient.

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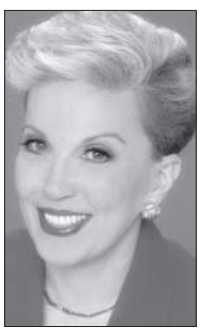

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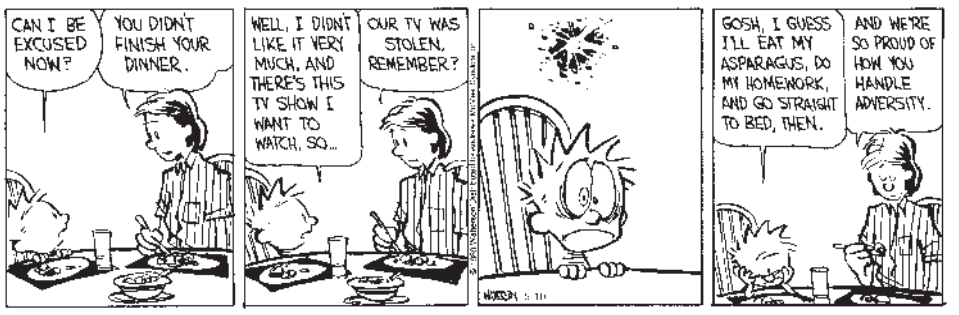
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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OUR TV WAS STOLEN, REMEMBER?
GOSH, I GUESS I'LL EAT MY ASPARAGUS, DO MY HOMEWORK, AND GO STRAIGHT TO BED, THEN.
AND WE'RE SO PROUD OF HOW YOU HANDLE ADVERSITY.

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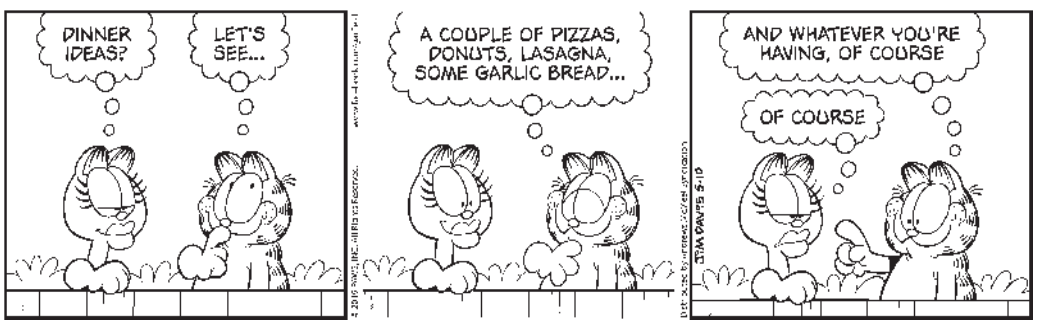
By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

BUSTED! UN-COSTUME YOURSELF, POSER!
FINE! IT WAS ME! HAHA HAHAHA! YOUR NEIGHBOR!
I WAS TRYING TO DRIVE YOU OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD! I CAN'T TAKE YOUR AWFUL, UNKEMPT LAWN!!
SO, THAT WAS WEIRD.
YOU HAVE HOSTA ON YOUR BUTT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I'LL BE YOUR WAITER TONIGHT. CAN I GET YOU AN APPETIZER?
THESE PRICES ARE OUTRAGEOUS! DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING UNDER FIFTY DOLLARS?!
I'VE GOT A HAM AND CHEESE OUT IN MY CAR I'LL SELL YOU FOR FORTY.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Sailing vessel
6 Clear the deck?
9 Kitten's cry
12 A Marx brother
13 Low digit
14 "Xanadu" band
15 Baby hooter
16 Florida city
18 Handsome guy
20 Convent dwellers
21 Brooch
23 Tool set
24 March honoree, for short
25 Fed. food inspector
27 Grinding tooth
29 "At once!"
31 Attention-getting call
35 Senior member
37 Lingerie fabric
38 Houston player
41 Sports drink suffix
43 TV spots
44 Foolproof
45 Go places
47 Florida city
49 Revise
52 Tokyo, once
53 "Humbug!"
54 Keaton of "Annie Hall"
55 Lair
56 Bikini top
57 Old anesthetic

DOWN

1 HBO competitor
2 Attorney's field
3 Florida city
4 Pundit's piece
5 "The Chosen" author Chaim
6 Cuban rum cocktail
7 Burden
8 Zing
9 Convened
10 Justice Kagan
11 In the — way (very much)
17 Preambles
19 Spock portrayer
21 Young seal
22 Leb. neighbor
24 — Paulo
26 President Jackson
28 Carter of "Wonder Woman"
30 Overly
32 Florida city
33 Vintage
34 Approves
36 Sultry singer Kitt
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40 Check the fit of
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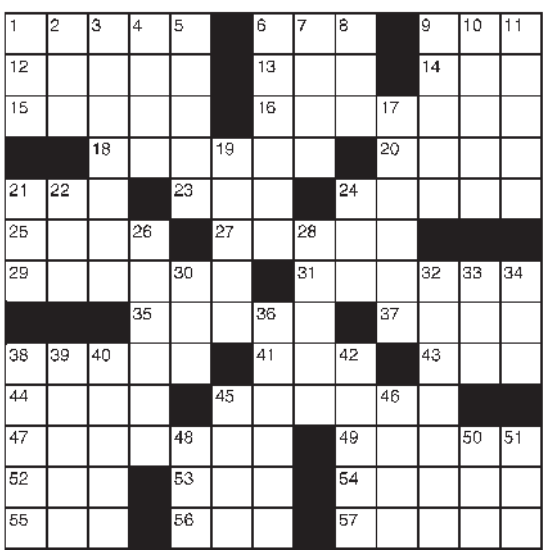

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Handle personal and professional matters carefully. If you let your emotions take over, you will end up giving someone the upper hand. Look out for your interests, and take care of all matters personally. Positive change will unfold. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* A family gathering or reuniting with old friends will lift your spirits and make you feel good about who you are and what you have achieved. Love is highlighted, and romance will have an impact on your personal life. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Be realistic when offering help. If you are too generous, you will be taken for granted. Focus on important relationships, physical endurance and putting your energy into being your best. When in doubt, ask an expert. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Push for change to make your life less stressful. Be receptive to new beginnings. Expand your circle of friends by participating in something that interests you and will make you feel helpful. An attitude adjustment will set a good example for others. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Moodiness will cloud your vision. You'll have to be objective when dealing with people who think differently in order to avoid an altercation that will make it difficult to get things done. Choose to proceed with compassion, consideration and the willingness to compromise. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Be realistic, and distance yourself from anyone who is unpredictable or spinning out of control. You have plenty to gain if you put your thoughts and energy into people and pastimes that make you smile. Learn from the past, and accelerate. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Look at what's going on around you, and restructure your life in order to fulfill your aspirations. Partnerships that are suffering or disruptive should be brought to the forefront, and changes should be made that will encourage you to excel. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* A getaway will do you good. Spending time with someone you find mentally stimulating will help you get back to basics and to what really matters to you. Don't let emotional turmoil stand in the way of your happiness. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Make partnerships, networking and social events priorities. Discussing what you want to achieve and making plans with someone who shares your dreams will help you get one step closer to living life your way. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Make a positive change to your residence. How you live and the comfort and convenience you surround yourself with will have a direct influence on how well you advance in all aspects of your life. Follow your heart. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* A steady pace is your best bet. If someone tries to disrupt your plans, offer suggestions and go about your business. Your happiness will depend on the way you balance your time in order to reach your goal. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Do something constructive, not destructive. Channel your energy into a creative endeavor or helping a cause you care about, not in the company of people who are a bad influence. Do what's best for yourself, and you'll gain respect and rewards. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, playful and sensitive. You are smart and doting.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Education:

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Bucks oust Celtics, advance to East finals

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Milwaukee Bucks found another gear after their first loss of the playoffs.

Kyrie Irving and the Boston Celtics just couldn't keep up.

Antetokounmpo had 20 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, and the Bucks routed the Celtics 116-91 on Wednesday night to advance to the Eastern Conference final.

After sweeping Detroit in the first round, top-seeded Milwaukee struggled in Game 1 against Boston and lost 112-90 in one of its worst offensive performances of the season. But Antetokounmpo led the way as the Bucks responded with four straight wins by a combined 65 points.

"I think our mindset changed," Antetokounmpo said. "In the first game, we weren't focused enough. We weren't ourselves. The next four games, we came out with a different approach, a different mindset."

The Bucks used a balanced attack to close out the Celtics in Game 5, placing seven players in double figures. Khris Middleton had 19 points and eight rebounds, and Eric Bledsoe finished with 18 points.

Next up for the Bucks is the winner of the Philadelphia-Toronto series. The Raptors are up 3-2 heading into Game 6 on Thursday night.

It's the first Eastern Conference final for Milwaukee since 2001.

"At the end of the day, we realize we've never been there before," Antetokounmpo said. "We're really hungry to achieve our goals. That's all we care about. As long as we play hard, we really don't care about what anybody has to say."

AP

Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo is fouled by Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum during the first half of Game 5 of a second round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Milwaukee.

Prior to the clinching win, several Bucks took turns speaking to the team.

"Giannis' speech was, 'A lot of us probably came from nothing and we have the opportunity to write our own story right now.' That's what everybody did," George Hill said.

The Celtics clamped down on Antetokounmpo for most of the game, but Middleton, Bledsoe, Hill and Nikola Mirotic picked up the scoring to help rob the game of any drama in the final minutes.

Hill finished with 16 points, and Mirotic had 10 points and 11 rebounds. Malcolm Brogdon also had 10 points in his return to the lineup after being sidelined by plantar fasciitis.

"Everybody was ready to play," Hill said. "Everybody was ready for the opportunity to put them away as quick as we can."

Irving scored 15 points for Boston, which shot 31.2% from the field. Jayson Tatum and Marcus Morris each had 14.

"Not what we expected," Boston center Al Horford said. "Just disappointing for us. At the end of the day, really, you have to give Milwaukee credit. They're just a better team than us. That's a reality."

Antetokounmpo picked up his third foul when Jaylen Brown drove to the hoop early in the second half, but he stayed in the game. He stole an Irving pass and slammed it home to make it 65-52 with 6:45 left in the third quarter.

Antetokounmpo, one of the front-runners for NBA MVP, closed out the period with consecutive baskets, including a finger-roll layup that gave the Bucks an 80-62 lead.

"They played like they wanted it," Irving said.

Irving went 6 for 21 from the field in what might have been his final game with Boston. He is eligible for free agency in the offseason, and his future is one of the major questions facing the Celtics this summer.

"I understand we didn't meet the outside expectations," coach Brad Stevens said. "We rode a roller coaster most of the year."

Irving's only 3-pointer of the night trimmed Milwaukee's lead to 38-32 with 2:51 left in the second quarter. But Brogdon and Mirotic each connected from long range to help the Bucks to a 52-39 advantage at the break.

Brogdon hadn't played since March 15. He also had four assists and three rebounds.

Durant injured, but Warriors still win Game 5

OAKLAND, Calif.—With the Golden State Warriors and the Houston Rockets locked in yet another battle, the Western Conference semifinals on Wednesday night produced a gasp-worthy moment.

Warriors star Kevin Durant injured his right leg during the third quarter of Game 5 and hobbled off the court. The team reported via Twitter that Durant suffered a calf strain and he did not return to action.

With Durant unavailable and his status uncertain, his teammates played inspired in front of a raucous crowd at Oracle Arena, powering past the Rockets 104-99 and taking a 3-2 lead in the series.

"Our guys are (expletive) giants," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said after the win, borrowing the words of Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp.

The Warriors will have a chance to close out the series Friday in Houston during Game 6 and take another step toward their goal of winning a third straight NBA championship. But Durant's uncertain status creates uncertainty that figures to linger until Game 6 and confirmation of whether he can play.

The Rockets, despite trailing by as many as 20 points in the first half and being down 57-43 at the half, took the lead at 69-68 on James Harden's short jumper with 1:15 left in the third quarter. And things continued to heat up.

The game was tied 84-84 after Houston's Eric Gordon made a 3-pointer with 6:09 left to play. But the Warriors regained the lead on the very next possession and did not surrender it again.

James Harden led the Rockets with 31 points on 10-of-16 shooting from the floor.

After Durant left the game, Steph Curry shook off his shaky first half and finished with 25 points and his fellow Splash Brother, Klay Thompson, had a team-high 27 points.

At the time of Durant's injury, he had a game-high 22 points along with five rebounds and four assists. After making a mid-range jump shot with 2:11 to play in the third quarter that put Golden State up 68-65, Durant landed, turned upcourt and suddenly looked down at his right leg.

He then grabbed his lower leg with his right hand, hobbled off the court and eventually went to the locker room. He had not returned when the fourth quarter started with the Warriors and Rockets tied 72-72.

The team later reported via Twitter that Durant suffered a calf strain and would not return to the game. Kerr said Durant did not suffer an Achilles tendon injury, but the star will still have an MRI on Thursday. A team spokesman said Durant's travel status for Game 6 in Houston will also be determined on Thursday.

Was Chris Paul guilty of committing a dirty play in Game 4 when Warriors forward Andre Iguodala ended up limping on a tweaked left knee after the two players chased after a loose ball?

The Warriors fans certainly thought so, and during the first quarter they booed Paul virtually every time he touched the ball. In fact, late in the quarter, they even booed him when he checked into the game.

The crowd looked especially pleased with 42.9 seconds left in the first quarter when Draymond Green made a 3-pointer while being defended by Paul. After the shot, the broad-shouldered Green hovered behind Paul and appeared to say something— probably not something complimentary either.

Though the crowd showered Paul with boos, but there was plenty of cheering, too, for the hometown Warriors. Thompson regained his shooting touch while making 5-of-7 shots from the floor and Golden State led 31-17 at the end of the first quarter.

The Rockets fought back, pulling within 40-37 on Harden's layup with 5:56 to go. But the Warriors responded with a 17-0 run, went up by as many as 20 points and led 57-43 at the intermission.

Seahawks bolster pass rush after adding Ezekiel Ansah

RENTON, Wash. (AP)—The Seattle Seahawks are addressing one of their biggest offseason needs as veteran defensive end Ezekiel Ansah has agreed to a one-year deal with the team, according to a person with knowledge of the deal.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday night on the condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced by the team. NFL Network first reported the agreement.

Ansah will join the Seahawks after six seasons with Detroit and may not be the final move made by Seattle in an attempt to bolster its pass rush with sacks leader Frank Clark traded to Kansas City before the draft last month.

Two years ago, Ansah had 12 sacks and in 2015 had 14 ½ when he was voted to the Pro Bowl for the only time in his career. But his health will be a major concern with Ansah's arrival in Seattle after he played in just seven games last season for Detroit due to shoulder problems that lingered the entire season.

Seattle waited until after Tuesday's deadline when free agent signings would count against compensatory picks in next year's draft before reaching an agreement with Ansah. Seattle coach Pete Carroll made it clear during the NFL draft there were additional moves to come to help the pass rush.

"There is work that we're engaged in (during) this stage of filling up the roster and we're very involved in what is coming up next," Carroll said on April 27.

Yelich hits 16th HR, Brewers top Nationals

MILWAUKEE (AP)— Yet again, Christian Yelich quickly swung things in Milwaukee's favor.

The reigning NL MVP connected in the first inning for his major league-leading 16th home run and the Brewers won their sixth straight game, beating the Washington Nationals 7-3 on Wednesday.

Yelich's solo drive came on the fourth pitch of the afternoon from Jeremy Hellickson (2-1).

"Swing at good pitches," said Yelich, who finished with three hits and scored twice. "Whether it's the first pitch, the last pitch, somewhere in-between."

The Nationals lost all three at Miller Park, marking the first time they've been swept this season, and have dropped four in a row overall.

Washington loaded the bases with one out in the ninth inning, but Josh Hader struck out pinch-hitter Kurt Suzuki and Adam Eaton for his 10th save in 10 chances.

"We battled back again, but we've got to start playing clean baseball, stop giving other teams 30 outs and playing good baseball," Washington manager Dave Martinez said. "If you think about it, on the other end, we have 27 outs, 13 of them were strikeouts, so we've got to start putting the ball in play."

Mike Moustakas and Manny Pina also connected for Milwaukee, which leads the National League with 65 home runs.

AP

Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich watches the ball after hitting a solo home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Milwaukee.

Red Sox 2, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, after Chris Sale and Jackie Bradley Jr. got Boston to the 12th inning, Andrew Benintendi took it from there.

Benintendi delivered the tiebreaking home run, and Boston received a masterful pitching performance from Sale and a game-saving catch from Bradley in a victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

With their fifth win in six games, the Red Sox reached .500 (19-19) for the first time since they were 1-1.

The game appeared to have reached its conclusion in the bottom of the 11th, when Trey Mancini hit a drive to deep center. Bradley ran back, dug his right foot into the barrier for leverage and reached far over the 7-foot wall to snag the ball.

"Just went back, tracked it, and got a good jump on it," Bradley said. "Timed my footsteps the way I wanted to, and got up there and executed."

The players in the Baltimore dugout went from jubilant to stunned as Bradley pulled the ball from his glove.

"Good players and great teams make great plays in big spots, and that was an ultra-exceptional play," Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said.

Mancini tipped his helmet to Bradley to acknowledge the catch, which enabled Ryan Brasier (2-1) to earn the victory.

"It really stinks to be on the losing side of it and think you hit a walk-off, but you've got to tip your cap to him there," Mancini said. "That was insane."

Diamondbacks 3, Rays 2, 13 innings

In Florida, Wilmer Flores snapped a 13th-inning tie with an RBI single, helping Arizona beat Tampa Bay, ending a three-game losing streak.

Eduardo Escobar made up for a crucial throwing error, leading off the 13th with a single off Adam Kolarek (2-1)—Arizona's first hit since the fifth inning. He moved to second on a double-play grounder before scoring on Flores' two-out broken-bat hit to right field off Chaz Roe.

Archie Bradley (2-3) pitched three scoreless innings to get the win. Zack Godley, the eighth Diamondbacks pitcher, worked a perfect 13th for his first career save.

Arizona pitchers combined to set a franchise record with 23 strikeouts.

Rangers 9, Pirates 6

In Pittsburgh, Hunter Pence connected for a pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning and Isiah Kiner-Falefa drove in the go-ahead run in the ninth as Texas rallied past the Pirates.

Kiner-Falefa doubled off Tyler Lyons (1-1) and an offline relay throw allowed Nomar Mazara to score. Rougned Odor followed with a two-run homer.

Ariel Jurado (1-1) worked the eighth and got the ball to Chris Martin, who earned his first save of the season and first since 2015.

Joey Gallo gave Texas the early lead with a two-run shot that bounced off the concourse beyond the right-center field wall and landed in the Allegheny River. The estimated 443-foot blast was Gallo's 100th career home run in his 377th game, making him the fastest player to 100 homers in American League history. He also became the first player in major league history to hit 100 home runs before reaching 100 singles (he has 93).

Phillies 5, Cardinals 0

In St. Louis, Jerad Eickhoff allowed three hits in eight innings, Cesar Hernandez homered and drove in three and Philadelphia beat the Cardinals.

Aided by a pair of double plays, Eickhoff (2-1) faced just two batters over the minimum through the first seven innings as the NL East-leading Phillies took two of three from the Cardinals.

After winning 20 of their first 30 games, the Cardinals lost for the sixth time in their last seven.

Padres 3, Mets 2

In San Diego, Hunter Renfroe hit a tiebreaking solo shot in the seventh inning, center fielder Manuel Margot robbed Pete Alonso of a homer and the Padres beat New York.

Eric Hosmer also went deep for San Diego, Matt Strahm pitched into the seventh and Gerardo Reyes (2-0) got the win with 1 2/3 scoreless innings of relief. Strahm got a big assist from Margot, who jumped in front of the home bullpen to bring back Alonso's drive for the last out in the sixth.

Kirby Yates allowed an infield single and a walk with two outs in the ninth but struck out Tomas Nido to finish his 15th save.

Cubs 3, Marlins 2, 11 innings

In Chicago, Jason Heyward homered leading off the 11th inning to lift surging Cubs over Miami in Addison Russell's return to the majors following a 40-game ban for violating MLB's domestic violence policy.

Heyward lined a 1-2 pitch from Jose Quijada (0-1) into the basket in left field, helping Chicago hang on after blowing a 2-1 lead in the ninth. Carl Edwards Jr. (1-1), recalled from the minors Monday, pitched a perfect 11th with two strikeouts to get the win.

The Cubs won their second straight game on a walk-off shot. Kris Bryant hit a three-run drive in the ninth Tuesday in a 5-2 win.

Dodgers 9, Braves 4

In Los Angeles, Enrique Hernandez, Max Muncy and Justin Turner each homered, and Los Angeles beat Atlanta for its 10th straight win at home, where it earned a third consecutive sweep.

Clayton Kershaw (2-0) gave up four runs and a season-high nine hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out a season-low four and walked one to remain unbeaten in 11 career starts against the Braves.

The Dodgers took an early 3-0 lead against Mike Foltynewicz (0-2). Hernandez homered into the left field pavilion with two outs in the second. Muncy's blast to right came in the third.

Astros 9, Royals 0

In Houston, Michael Brantley homered twice, Brad Peacock pitched seven innings and Josh James completed the three-hitter in Astros' win.

Peacock (3-2) allowed three hits and set a career high with 12 strikeouts to help the Astros bounce back after a 12-2 loss on Tuesday night. Peacock also rebounded after allowing seven runs in just 3 2/3 innings in his previous start. James struck out five in the last two innings.

George Springer and Carlos Correa also homered to give the Astros 16 home runs combined in their past five games.

Indians 5, White Sox 3

In Cleveland, Jose Ramirez hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, giving the Indians a win over Chicago and snapping their three-game losing streak.

Francisco Lindor singled with one out against Jace Fry (1-1) before Jason Kipnis struck out. Chicago manager Rick Renteria brought in right-hander Kelvin Herrera to face the switch-hitting Ramirez and Lindor stole second on a 2-1 pitch.

Ramirez crushed Herrera's next pitch – a 96 mph fastball – through a stiff wind and into the seats in right for his third homer, setting off a much-needed celebration by the Indians.

Twins 9, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Jorge Polanco had his second career five-hit game, including a two-run home run, Kyle Gibson (3-1) struck out a career-high 11 and Minnesota beat Toronto, completing a three-game sweep.

Eddie Rosario hit his AL-leading 13th home run, one of four long balls by the Twins. Minnesota had 18 hits, one shy of its season high. C.J. Cron had a two-run homer among his four hits and Jonathan Schoop added a two-run shot.

Toronto has lost a season-high five straight and eight of nine overall. Trent Thornton (0-4) allowed five runs and seven hits in two-plus innings, the shortest start of his brief career.

Tigers 10, Angels 3

In Detroit, Ronny Rodriguez drove in a career-high four runs and Matthew Boyd pitched six strong innings, helping the Tigers beat Los Angeles.

Boyd (4-2) allowed only one run on David Fletcher's leadoff homer and just two more hits after the blast to left.

Shohei Ohtani, who was 0 for 4 for Los Angeles in his season debut Tuesday, was 0 for 3 with two strikeouts and was hit on his right elbow by a pitch. Tyler Skaggs (3-3) gave up eight runs—seven earned—on eight hits and two walks over 4 2/3 innings.

'Tiny' gets big warm-up for Pacific Games

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Junior golfer Sebastian "Tiny" Camacho gained valuable experience for his preparation for the 2019 Pacific Games, as he finished No. 16 out of the nearly 200 competitors in the 2019 Philippine Airlines-JGFP Junior Inter-club Championship held late last month in the Philippines.

Camacho noted that the pressure of the off-island championship tested and strengthened his mental and physical fortitude. Despite the unfamiliar challenges Camacho faced in the very competitive event, he still finished in the Top 20.

"This experience has really tested my mental toughness and ability to bounce back when things aren't going my way," the Grace Christian Academy student said.

"The competitive attitude of all the players and the straight up tenacity that everyone brought really put perspectives on my game and what I can do to better myself," Camacho added.

The junior golfer has about two more months to get ready for the Pacific Games, as the golf tournament is scheduled to tee off from July 10 to 13 at the Fealeata Golf Course in Samoa. After his positive experience at the golf tourney in the Philippines, the young golfer is inspired to do whatever it takes to reach new heights.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
From left, Edward Lee, Joe Camacho, Sebastian Camacho and his dad, Tony, pose for a photo while waiting for the start of the 2019 Philippine Airlines-JGFP Junior Inter-club Championship held late last month in Cavite, Philippines.

"Knowing what's out there and the difficulty of the golf courses have really helped look into what's more important in my game." Camacho said. "I need to put in more practice time than everyone else."

Meanwhile, Edward Lee joined the same tournament and placed second overall—duplicating his finish last year.

Although Lee will not be able to compete in the Pacific Games, he still enjoyed the event,

"Placing second in a tournament like that for me is really amazing," Lee said. "It is an experience I can use to make my game better and stronger."

Lee and his family will be relocating to Florida early in June and he will not be able to join "Tiny," player/coach Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, Ryan Kim, and J.J. Atalig on their trip to Samoa for the quadrennial meet. Rep. Marco Peter (R-Saipan) will take Lee's spot.

"It's hard losing good players of [Lee's] caliber, especially with the Pacific Games being so close, but I respect Edward's decision to seek golf at a higher level of competition elsewhere since we have limitations here," Joe Camacho said.

"[Lee] is being replaced by Congressman Marco Peter, who accepted the last-minute notice and has been putting in a lot of practice time," the player/coach added. "I'm very confident with the team since the guys have been putting in a lot of practice time and they're committed to representing the CNMI."

Nadal overcomes stomach virus to advance in Madrid Open

MADRID (AP)—Rafael Nadal was concerned going into his first match at the Madrid Open.

He lost practice time ahead of the tournament because of a stomach virus and didn't know exactly how his body would react when he stepped onto the "Magic Box" center court on Wednesday.

But despite the lack of preparation and the physical toll of the illness, Nadal cruised to a 6-3, 6-3 win over Canadian teenager Felix Auger-Aliassime to reach the third round in the Spanish capital.

Playing only a few days after falling ill, Nadal lost only four points on his serve in the first set and broke Auger-Aliassime three times in the second.

"I've had this stomach virus for a few days so this was a very important match for me," the second-ranked Spaniard said. "I've been improving but obviously the body remains a bit debilitated for a while. I'm very happy with the victory. It was very important."

Nadal is trying to rebound from consecutive eliminations in the semifinals of both Monte Carlo and Barcelona, which marked his worst start to the clay-court season in four years.

"The important thing is to win, you know, especially given what's happened in the last three days," he said. "In general, it's a day to be very satisfied, very happy."

A five-time champion in Madrid, Nadal will next face American Frances Tiafoe, who defeated Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

"He is playing really well," Nadal said of Tiafoe. "He has that drive and energy and it will be a good test for me and an opportunity for me to play a tough match and to keep improving."

The 18-year-old Auger-Aliassime is having his breakthrough season on tour, having moved to 30th in the rankings after reaching the final in Rio and the semifinals in Miami.

He converted on his only break opportunity of the match late in the second set, but Nadal broke right back to close out the match. The 17-time Grand Slam champion converted four of his 10 break opportunities, with the last one coming on his sixth-match point of the final game.

The last match of the day was also the last ever on tour for David Ferrer, whose career came to an end with a 6-4, 6-1 loss to defending champion Alexander Zverev. The 37-year-old Spaniard had said before the tournament he wasn't fit enough to keep competing at a high level.

Ferrer finished his 20-year career with 27 singles titles, fifth-best among active players behind the top four of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray. Ferrer had 733 wins in 1,111 matches, fourth-best among active players.

"I couldn't keep playing at the level that I wanted, but I'm very happy and very proud of my career," Ferrer said.

Earlier, Juan Martin Del Potro squandered a match point in a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 loss to Laslo Djere in his second tournament since injuring his knee in October. Del Potro converted only two of his 11 break opportunities, failing to capitalize on the match point at 5-4 in the final set. The Argentine had last played in Delray Beach in February, losing in the quarterfinals.

Stan Wawrinka defeated Guido Pella 6-3, 6-4 and will face Kei Nishikori, who got past Bolivian qualifier Hugo Dellien 7-5, 7-5.

Fabio Fognini beat John Millman 6-2, 6-2, while Gael Monfils edged Marton Fucsovics 1-6, 6-4, 6-2. Estoril Open champion Stefanos Tsitsipas defeated Adrian Mannarino 6-2, 7-5.

On the women's side, top-ranked Naomi Osaka reached the quarterfinals with a straight-set win over Aliaksandra Sasnovich and will next face Belinda Bencic, who dropped only two games in her victory over Kateryna Kozlova.

"I'm at a really good place right now," Osaka said. "I feel like I'm having fun playing tennis again, which is always a good thing for me and I always play well if I have that mentality."

Defending champion Petra Kvitova defeated Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-3 to set up a quarterfinal match against Kiki Bertens.

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UFC's stage as a replacement for Jingliang Li's foe in the UFC Fight Night 111 in Singapore two years ago. The Marianas warriors lost his debut, but won the respect of his peers and the UFC bosses after getting the Fight of the Night honors.

The 29-year-old Camacho will challenge Hein in a bid to improve his 1-4 record in UFC (21-7 overall) and get back on track after dropping his last two bouts. Camacho bowed to Drew Dober and Geoff Neal last year after beating Australian's Damien Brown in November 2017 in Sydney.

"I'm on a losing streak, but I will not quit. And I will get a win through discipline, sacrifice, and will," Camacho said.

"We must continue the good honorable fight and keep pushing forward. When we get knocked down, we continue to get back up and fight for our family and livelihood," he added.

Hein is also looking to bounce back after losing to Davi Ramos and Damir Hadzovic last year. The German holds an even 3-3 record in UFC and 14-4 overall with his recent win made three years ago against South Korean Tae Hyu Bang. Majority of the 35-year-old's victories were via decisions and he got three off rear-naked choke early in his MMA career.

"Nick Hein has a background in judo. He is a multiple national and international judo champion from Germany. He's built like a tank and sure as heck seems like he hits like one. I just got to be smart with this fight and get the W," said Camacho.

Though he will face Hein in less than a month, Camacho believes he is ready and in great shape, as he has been training since February and is in training camp in California under renowned coach Colin Oyama.

"I'm eating better, running a lot more, and treating and taking care of my body like an athlete," Camacho said.

The MMA fighter added that he won't mind filling in for Hein's injured opponent.

"It is always an honor and pleasure to fight in the UFC, especially representing our islands at this level. I love it when UFC fans around the world would ask where I am from and what is that shell necklace (spondylus) I wear to weigh-ins. Even though it takes a while to explain where we live, I absolutely love it," Camacho said.

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other set of activities.

"We want the parents to experience the same fun and excitement their children are having on the pitch. Plus, we like them to be actively involved with their children's sports because the bonding may encourage them to be future coaches, and that will be a big boost to our grassroots program," he said.

"It will be very difficult for children to participate and play soccer without the parents' support. Therefore, NMIFA wants the family to team up and enjoy the sport together," Angeles added.

May 15 is "AFC Grassroots Football Day" as defined by AFC in 2013. However, May 15 falls on a school day, so NMIFA decided to hold the event next Saturday.

Registration starts 3pm at the NMI Soccer Training Center and it's free. Players will also get commemorative T-shirts while supplies last. The NMIFA coaches are prepared to accommodate as many as 120 participants.

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Lieto and Vinnie Sablan.

Santos, Casey Chambers, Isaiah Mesa, and Ada combined for 12 runs for McDonald's, which pulled away just right after two innings, as it got six more runs in the second.

Little Legals 8, Comets 2

In last Saturday's game, the Kagman Little Legals recovered from a lackluster game in the first two innings to beat the Comets.

The Little Legals were without a run in the first two innings and were behind by two runs before a four-run bottom of the third brought the team back into contention.

Ryan Dela Cruz had a two-run single in the pivotal third, while Austin Diaz blasted an RBI double and later reached off a passed ball to put the Little Legals on top, 4-2. Greg Tebit nailed an RBI double, while Patty Mendiola connected on an RBI single at the top of the second inning for the Comets' first and last taste of the lead.

The Comets went down in the ensuing part of the game, no thanks to Little Legals relief pitcher Albert Adriano, who came in for Greg Perez late in the second inning and threw a one-hitter. Adriano struck out eight batters and stranded four runners.

The Little Legals closer also blasted an RBI double in the fourth inning where his team got two more earned runs, while their last run was courtesy of Jerard Muna at the bottom of the fifth.

Most competitive Women's World Cup

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The FIFA Women's World Cup brings together the best and the brightest in France, as 24 teams will showcase their exceptional football skills in their quest for the coveted World Cup trophy and the bragging rights that goes with it.

The competition will run from June 7 to July 7 across nine cities in France with the United States Women's National Team facing a tough task of defending the title, as this year's World Cup is billed as the most competitive yet.

Out to give the United States a run for its money are host France and Olympic champion Germany. Count England, reigning European champion, the Netherlands, oddsmaker bet Spain, and Asia's top contenders, Japan and Australia, too on the list of countries that could be threats to the Americans' bid for back-to-back crowns and fourth overall.

A total of 52 matches will be played in this year's event with the last team left standing getting the prize money that's double than the $2 million the United States got in 2015.

On top of the champion's purse, the winner will get to take home the new World Cup trophy, a hand-made piece with its new cup based cut out from green Serpentino marble and the spiral and the football in pure silver covered with 23-carat gold and white gold. The trophy, which renowned designer William Sawaya said "starts with a simple movement at the bottom then rises upwards in a dancing crescendo of elegance, just like the level of interest that women's football is awakening in the world," is valued at $30,000.

France will duel South Korea in the first match on June 7 in Paris, while the United States will start its title defense against Thailand on June 11 in Reims.

TAKE YOUR PICK

(Editor's Note: Every Friday of this month, beginning today, Saipan Tribune *will publish a series of stories as preview to the Women's World Cup 2019.*

The FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 is several weeks away, but this early, football fans in the CNMI, especially players involved in the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association's women's program, have made their choices—the teams that they think stand a great chance of winning the competition and the squads that can pull off surprises.

Let's see which team made their list.

Coleman

"Since Japan Football Association has done and continues to do so much for NMIFA, I always root for the Nadeshiko. But I have been a US WNT fan for many years. The US WNT continues to take important steps to ensure equal pay for equal play. France has a technically gifted team that seems to have great cohesiveness. And having the home crowd will definitely help. All the teams have worked so hard to even qualify for the World Cup, so I don't really think of any of them as underdogs. This is the first time for Jamaica's WNT to qualify for the World Cup and the second time for Thailand. Even though Jamaica will be inexperienced at this level of play, it's a huge step for women's football in Jamaica for their NT to qualify for the World Cup."

Patricia Coleman,
NMIFA Women's Committee chair

Villagomez

"The favored team this year as it is usually most years is Team USA. Team USA is complete once again, getting Tobin Heath back from injury, and having its starting line up stronger than ever. Team USA, as current champion, has lot to fight for because we all know that every team is out to get them. The underdogs I believe that have potential would either be Brazil or England. These teams have been able to get into the quarters and semis but never reaching their goal to be on top. I believe these two teams have a lot of potential to pull through and give a good fight."

Gillian Villagomez,
CNMI Women's National Team member

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"I think USA is the favorite. The way they won their games at CONCACAF women's championship, scoring goals one after the other. And they've got so many talented and experienced players from Morgan to Rapinoe and Lloyd. The pressure is on them. Many are also favoring France to win the Cup since they will be on their home turf. Plus, back-to-back wins for World Cup men's and women's would be historic for France. But, I always like to see an Asian team go to the Top 4 and try to win that trophy. Japan did it before and they could do it again. I am rooting for an Asian team to get to the finals. As for the underdogs, it could be Jamaica, as they are the first Caribbean team to qualify for the World Cup. Overall, I think this women's World Cup will be very exiting and surprising for everyone, with soccer changing its pace and more and more women becoming part of this sport, be it on the field or behind it."

Angie Ito,
CNMI Women's National Team assistant coach

Carreon

"My favorite team is Japan. After watching their performance in past FIFA World Cup games, I saw how great they played, the momentum they had, and their efforts to win. The underdogs this year will probably be Spain because they are making only their second World Cup appearance, but they might have improved. Anything is possible.

Mia Carreon,
CNMI Women's National Team member

AP
Alex Morgan is the co-captain of the United States Women's National Team, which is the defending champion in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 that will be held in France from June 7 to July 7.

Bucks oust Celtics, advance to East finals

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McDonald's rout Falcons

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McDonald's Casey Chambers gets ready to bat during an earlier Majors division game against the Comets in the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

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McDonald's hammered the Falcons, 18-1, in their Majors division game, as the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball resumed last weekend at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

McDonald's started strong to ease past the Falcons, who were held to two hits by pitcher Dylan Santos.

The pitching ace also went 2-for-2 at bat in McDonald's eight-run top of the first inning, scoring one run and hitting a two-RBI double in his second trip at the plate in the same frame. McDonald's went on to make five more earned run and one off a passed ball to gain early control of the match.

The Falcons failed to counter at the bottom of the first inning with Santos getting back-to-back strikeouts and leaving runners on first and second base stranded. The Falcons were earlier called for the first out when right-fielder Ezra Ada caught Damien Cruz's fly.

The Falcons' misfortunes continued in the last three innings, as they struggled with Santos still working the mound for McDonald's. Santos forced the Falcons to a 1-2-3 in the second and third inning and fanned four more batters.

A run from leadoff batter Noah Iguel off an error at shortstop finally put the Falcons on the board and they had a chance to score a few more with runners on second and third with one out. However, Santos again frustrated the Falcons as he struck out Dylan

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NMIFA celebrates AFC Grassroots Football Day May 18

The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will hold the Asian Football Confederation Grassroots Football Day on May 18 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The event aims to further popularize the sport at the grassroots level across Asia by emphasizing the fun while participating in various football (soccer) activities in a festival format. The festival will run from 4pm to 6pm and will be made more exciting this year with the inclusion of parents in the program.

NMIFA's Jersh Angeles said that after the drills and games for young players in the 6 to 10 age group, their parents will join them in

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Young players participate in the 2018 Asian Football Confederation Grassroots Football Day at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

'Crank' lands fight with 'Sergeant'

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho's first fight of the season will come early as expected, as he will see action in the UFC Fight Night 153 on June 1 in Stockholm, Sweden.

Camacho, who re-signed a four-fight deal with the Ultimate Fighting Championship this year, will square off with Germany's Nick "Sergeant" Hein in a lightweight bout.

"Nick Hein's opponent (Italy's Luigi Vendramin) got injured and I'm coming in as a replacement," said Camacho, who incidentally started his series of appearances in

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, and Nick "Sergeant" Hein are seen here in a promotional photo for the UFC Fight Night 153 that will be held on June 1 in Stockholm, Sweden.